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More than meets the eye!

Maesteg man jailed for benefit claim fraud

OVER the course of four years, a Maesteg man dishonestly obtained benefits of more than £12,800, it was stated at Cardiff Crown Court.

But throughout that period, 36-year-old Marc Waters had savings that varied between £6,000 and £30,026, said prosecutor Stuart McLeese.

Waters, of Bethania Street, Maesteg, was jailed for 12 months and ordered to pay costs of £340.

Said Recorder Timothy Brennan: "Your claim was fraudulent from the outset and it was over a long period of time."

Waters had been convicted by Cardiff Magistrates of making a false statement to obtain benefits and failing to inform the authorities of his change of circumstances.

Mr McLeese said that £9,700 remained outstanding.

He said Waters had claimed support allowance, housing benefit and council tax benefits between May 2010 and July 2014. The total he dishonestly obtained was £12,854.

Prior to that, said Mr McLeese, he had been claiming incapacity benefit

Report by AJ SICLUNA

and said he had been unable to work and had no savings.

But he had savings, at one time over £30,000 which he had not declared.

When interviewed by the authorities, he said he "didn't pay attention to important stuff" and had "taken his eye off his savings."

He later said he realised the importance of declaring his entire position.

The Recorder said he had received in the past a suspended prison sentence for 12 months for Trading Standards offences.

His solicitor, Vince Williams, said: "It is unfortunate that these matters were not dealt with at the time of the Trading Standards offences. He has written to the court a letter of apology and has expressed complete remorse."

Mr Williams said that Waters had operated by "moving his money around".

He added: "It is highly unlikely you will see him before a court again. I cannot argue that the offences do not cross the custody threshold."

SCOTS ON THE MARCH IN PORTHCawl!

Photo by Glyn Evans. (See page 21 for more pictures from the Cwlwm Celtaidd).



Appeal after youth (17) is robbed in Pen-y-Fai

SOUTH Wales Police are investigating an incident when a 17-year-old male was robbed on a footpath between Clos Smyrna and Graham Avenue, Pen-y-Fai, between 5.45pm and 6pm on Wednesday, March 8.

The victim was walking along the footpath when he was assaulted by another male, described as white, approximately 18 years old, 6ft tall and small build, wearing a cream zip jacket with no identifying logo or marks, with the hood pulled over his head.

This male was clean shaven and shouted the word "Oi" before assaulting the victim.

A police spokesperson stated that a second male suspect was accompanying the first suspect and is described as white, shorter than the first suspect, very thin build, wearing a grey hooded top with the hood over his head and obscuring his face and also wearing grey jogging bottoms. This male suspect did not speak during the incident.

The victim was punched to the head and fell to the floor. His wallet was then removed from his back pocket and £10 cash removed.

If anyone has any information about this crime, contact officers on 101 quoting ref: 1700089453 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

There was a warm welcome for the Scottish pipe and drum band that led the Cwlwm Celtaidd parade through Porthcawl last Saturday. Much of that warmth may have been to encourage Scotland to beat England at Twickenham. (England won 61-21).

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No time for a holiday during Commons recess

IN recent weeks there has been a brief parliamentary recess, in order for MPs to spend time in their constituencies, not to travel to London and, of course, spend time with family.

I've learnt in my brief time as the Member of Parliament for Ogmore, that there is a considerable misconception by some that recess means a holiday for MPs. I'm sure readers will understand that couldn't be further from the truth.

Of course, MPs do take holidays, but in the main, recess periods are used to visit community groups, schools, businesses, and spend additional time supporting constituents through advice

by CHRIS ELMORE, MP for Ogmore

surgeries; holding coffee mornings – and so on.

During the recent recess (the week before the school half term holidays) I was pleased to meet with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) who support residents across Bridgend who are in need of debt advice and, in some circumstances, debt management to help solve long-term financial problems.

Organisations like CAP and, of course, Citizens Advice, are vital lifelines for the numbers of people who find themselves in often complex and difficult situations due to debt.

Academic success is, of course, a regular feature in The GEM for Bridgend College.

Hospital workers win pay awards

HEALTHCARE workers in the sterilisation and disinfection units at Abergavenny Bro Morgannwg University Health Board (ABMU) hospitals have accepted the health board's proposals to boost pay rates by up to £1,900, bringing to a close a two-month industrial dispute.

UNISON had argued that staff at the Princess of Wales, Bridgend, Morriston, and Neath Port Talbot hospitals, were unfairly treated, when compared to people doing exactly the same job at neighbouring health boards.

Across a year, ABUU staff were worse off by between £466 and £1,879 depending on their length of service in the post. Healthcare workers were so infuriated they took a day's strike action.

UNISON has described the improved pay award as a powerful example of what 'people power' can achieve.

UNISON has said it looks forward to a "new and positive working relationship" with the health board.

Their 'double plus good' result from a recent Estyn inspection is testimony to the college's steadfast commitment to learners, and, of course, the many communities it serves as a further education institution.

Never known for resting on its laurels, with a constant drive to improve, I was thrilled to be part of the college's celebratory lunch marking their Beacon Award success just a few weeks ago.

The awards, which are regarded as the 'Oscars' of the FE sector, add further confirmation to colleges' continuing commitment to growing into new academic areas of study and supporting learners to get the best possible outcome, no matter when in life you decide to start learning.

One of the joys of being an MP is meeting with local community groups, giving talks and even the odd formal speech, always hoping you're not so boring your audience doesn't nod off.

One such Q&A held just last week was with Cefn Cribwr's Young at Heart group, where I spoke about my experiences as a new member of Parliament and took questions, ranging from my work on helping to tackle scams on the vulnerable, to the recent discussions in Parliament on whether or not President Trump should be given a state visit to the UK.

It is fair to say there was an array of views on many of the subjects discussed. I can also say with some assurance that everyone seemed to still be awake by the end of the discussion.

It is a privilege to speak to groups like Young At Heart, and I would be pleased to speak to any other groups that readers may be linked with.

Please do contact my office if you'd like me to visit.

Following my 10-day stay at the Bridgend Hospital, I would like to thank all those involved in my case – Dr Simpson GP, who was spot-on in his diagnosis and swift to get me into the acute medical unit; all the staff in AMU, Dr Hounsel in the ophthalmology department, all the staff on Ward 11, Red bay, and Dr Martin and his team.

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IWOULD not expect the average man or woman in the street to be

familiar with the nomenclature of equipment of HM Armed Forces.

The Bridgend MP, Madeleine Moon, a former social worker but now a member of the Commons

Committee on the Armed Forces, should, however, be a little better informed.

In her latest column, she referred to trying "BV travel." I admire her for this; it would be quite afeat.

A 'BV' in the UK Armed Forces, specifically the Army, is a two-letter initialism for 'boiling vessel'.

A boiling vessel has

been fitted in every British tank since the 1960s, and almost all other armoured vehicles of the Army, since. It enables the crew to heat the food (in pouches) from their ratapacks and make a brew – all within the relative safety, if not comfort, of their vehicle.

Mrs Moon is, I think, referring to the Viking (BVS 10), which is a protected, articulated, all-terrain tracked vehicle, used by the Army and the Royal Marines. The original version was developed by Haggards of Sweden, which is now part of BAE Systems.

Earlier types were built by Volvo.

The 'BV' stands for *bandvagn*, Swedish for 'tracked vehicle'.

Please, Mrs Moon, show a little more knowledge about the equipment used by UK Armed Forces.

Alasdair T Forbes, Llantwit Major.

Praise for Welsh NHS

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Demi Woodham aims to make her mark in a 'man's world'.

Apprentice Demi rails against the 'glass ceiling'

TO mark National Apprenticeship Week (March 6-10), a Bridgend teenager has highlighted the opportunities available to young women within the rail industry.

Demi Woodham from Bridgend, is based at Arriva Trains Wales' Canton Depot

and is hoping to gain rail industry-recognised qualifications with Arriva, after being recruited as a fleet apprentice on a four-year apprentice contract in September 2016.

She is currently completing an NVQ Level 3 Traction and Rolling Stock with Coleg y Cymoedd and will be a BTEC level 3 in electronic and electrical engineering.

She will also be required to complete a HNC electronic and electrical engineering qualification in years 3 and 4, after which she will qualify to become

a Craft Interchangeable Technician at the end of her apprenticeship.

Demi said: "The rail industry is seen as a male dominated profession but I felt very welcome from the start. I love coming to work every day and it has proved to be a wonderful opportunity and a fantastic path to be on."

"Everyone I have worked with has helped me improve my skill set and my knowledge of the company and our trains. I have learned many new skills from the staff I work with at the depot each day, and feel like a valuable member of the team."

"I would like to continue working in the rail industry after my apprenticeship and, hopefully, stay within the train maintenance section at Arriva Trains Wales."

"It's a great career and I would encourage more women to seek out a career within the rail industry."

Concert at the Tabernacle

TABERNACLE Music Society are holding their spring concert, 'A Celebration of Welsh Music' on Sunday, April 9 at 7pm at Tabernacle Chapel, Derwen Road, Bridgend.

Also taking part are some young soloists on piano, harp, and saxophone. The concert will be conducted by Matthew Nash and accompanied by Glen Crooks.

Tickets £8; for further details go to cor-tabernacle-choir.co.uk.

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CARDIFF CROWN COURT ROUND-UP by AJ SICLUNA

Suspended sentence for care worker who mistreated helpless former serviceman

A CARE home worker who ill-treated a former serviceman by swearing at him and attempting to force his dentures into his mouth, has been given a suspended sentence at Cardiff Crown Court.

At the time, 31-year-old Amy Brookes was "angry and agitated" said prosecutor Nigel Fryer.

Brookes, a woman with no previous convictions, of Chapel Road, Wern Tarw, Bridgend, had been

found guilty of two charges of ill-treating a person lacking or believed to be lacking capacity.

She was jailed for eight months, the sentence suspended for 18 months, ordered to carry out unpaid work of 250 hours and to pay £1,000 costs and a court surcharge of £100.

Judge Philip Harris-Jenkins said he was satisfied that Brookes had not deliberately targeted the victim, David Bevan, who has since died.

The Judge said Mr Bevan, who suffered

from Parkinson's Disease and vascular dementia, and was unable to feed or bathe himself, was entirely helpless and reliant on the defendant and others to attend to his needs.

In April 2016, Brookes had tried to force his dentures into his mouth against his will, had tried to force liquid into his mouth, causing distress and had been heard swearing at him.

Said the Judge: "This has been a difficult case.

"The whole purpose of your employment was to care for people and Mr Bevan was wholly

unable to help himself. "You abused your position as a carer and caused him distress."

He said it "must have cut like a knife" for his family when they heard about the distress caused to a loved one.

The Judge said: "Yours was an abject failure of care. He suffered emotional, if not physical, harm."

He said the incident had cost Brookes her job and he was of the opinion that she was of low risk of reoffending and the incident was entirely out of character.

Earlier, Mr Fryer said

that staff who cared for such individuals should treat them with the dignity and compassion they deserved, but Brookes did not and her behaviour amounted to ill treatment.

Brookes, who at the time worked at the 44-bed Glanffrwd Care Home in Pencoed, denied all the allegations.

Her counsel, Matthew Roberts, said Brookes had worked for 10 years.

At the time of the incident "Sadly, she lost her composure and control," he said.

In the past, added Mr Roberts, Brookes had been a hard-working, conscientious individual.

He said the case had been a salutary experience for her and she had lost her good character and was terrified at the prospect of immediate imprisonment.

Currently, he said, she was unemployed.

CAERAU MAN (51) BRANDISHED KNIFE AT RENT COLLECTOR

A FATHER of two brandished a knife at a woman who went to his home to collect rent, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

Christopher Phoenix (51) a roofer, of Railway Terrace, Caerau, Maesteg, admitted a charge of affray and was jailed for six months, the

sentence suspended for a year.

He was also ordered to carry out 60 hours unpaid work and to pay a court surcharge of £150.

Recorder Peter Griffiths told him: "You have accepted your guilt and I give you credit for that. If you breach the suspended sentence, to prison you will go."

Prosecutor Mike

Hammett said that last August, Tanya Alderman went to Phoenix's home to collect rent from him. At the time, he was in arrears and in the past she had covered his rent.

"She banged on the door and shouted through the letter box. He answered the door, very irate, saying nothing was owed and then produced a knife and pointed it at her saying: 'You can **** off, too.'

The knife, said Mr Hammett, went close to her and she stepped backwards.

The police were called and Phoenix admitted having the knife and pointed it out to the officers.

He was arrested and claimed Ms Alderman had "pestered" him for

money and when he went to the door, he had feared for the safety of his two daughters.

The judge said: "He brandished a knife and that elevates this case past the custody threshold."

Aled Watkins, for Phoenix, said: "He has been in custody for 44 days. In the weeks leading up to the incident, he suffered an eye injury and could not work."

He himself contacted the police and Ms Alderman had never seen him behave like that before.

"He said that if he saw her, he would immediately apologise."

Insight into work of the Samaritans

SOUTHERN-DOWN WI

members have been focusing on people and issues in their locality, and were pleased to find extraordinary initiative and creativity all around them.

They welcomed volunteers 'Gareth' and 'Lowri' (not their real names) from the Samaritans at their March meeting.

The Samaritans offer anonymity to their volunteers and callers.

Volunteers go through a 10-session training course with a mentor. The key skill the

volunteers develop is listening.

Gareth has been associated with the Samaritans since 1976 and is convinced that listening to callers' concerns and problems is healing and restorative to them.

On average, the Samaritans answer about 2.5 million calls a year in the UK, plus about 250,000 emails and 400,000 text messages.

The Southerndown WI members were impressed and moved at the volume of calls the Samaritans receive and the dedication and kindness offered by their volunteers.

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SOROPTIMISTS' STROLL ON WOMEN'S DAY



Parking problems vex residents

A MEETING between Newcastle residents drew recently-elected councillor Carolyn Webster's attention to some very sticky parking problems.

Residents of Sunnyside in Bridgend, a street very close to the town centre, has 'Access Only' restrictions in place. This means that people can only park there if they are a resident, or visiting a resident.

Home owners have found that their street has non-residents persistently parking there, stopping residents from parking their vehicles near their homes and obstructing a turning area. This is particularly distressing for some households with disabled members.

Coun Webster wrote to the Chief Constable of South Wales Police to ask for his help in policing the parking regulations. Chief Constable Peter Vaughan wrote back to advise that parking regulations are now enforced by local authorities.

At the same time as writing to the Chief Constable, Coun Webster asked the chief executive of BCBC for his assistance in resolving the issues raised. She has received an acknowledgement, but said she has yet to receive a response, despite it being two weeks since she sent the letter.

ON March 11, Bridgend Soroptimists marked International Women's Day with a group walk on the seafront at Porthcawl.

They were joined by members of the public who had seen the advance publicity in the press, and were keen to give their support and showed an interest in the Soroptimist movement.

All participants enjoyed refreshments afterwards at The Atlantic Hotel.

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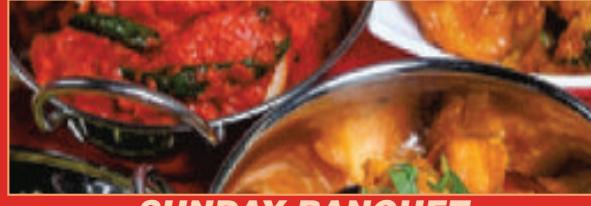
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John Caple enjoys a tipple at the home.



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Superfast broadband

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To find out what broadband is available, people are advised to visit www.gov.wales/broadband.

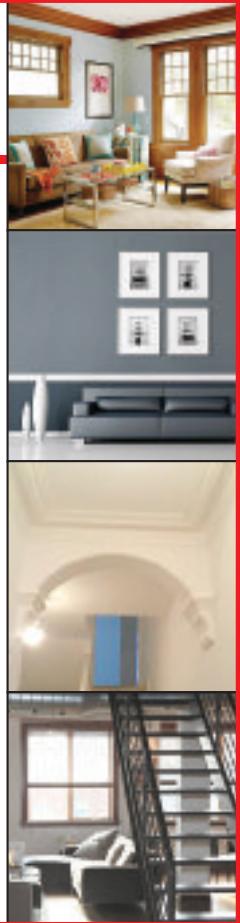
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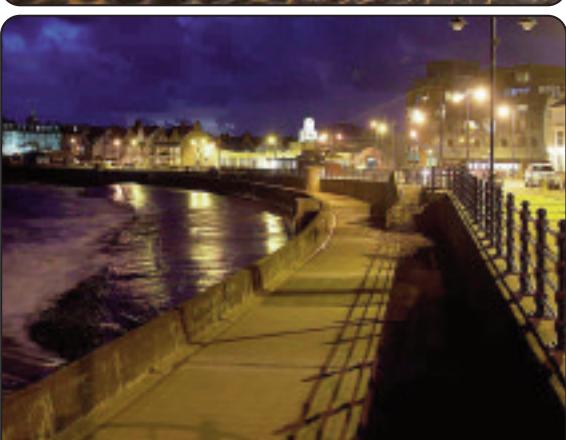
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Local Photographic Society's latest competition

Evening at Southerndown,
Geoff Baker.



The approaching storm by Richard Craze.



After Sunset, Martyn Derbyshire.

PYLE & Porthcawl Photographic Society held their annual Malcolm Nugent Portfolio competition on February 23 at St Clare's School, Newton.

Each member could enter a set of four prints or four digital images into the competition, one from each of the following genres: abstract, landscape, nature and people, with 15 members entering.

Jenny Hibbert skilfully judged the competition, and not only awarded the points, but also provided an excellent critique on each of the 60 images.

Congratulations to Martyn Derbyshire who was the overall winner with four excellent prints scoring 75 out of a possible 80.

GEOFF BAKER

In second place with 73 points was Geoff Baker and tied in third place with 69 points were Patricia Kendrick and Richard Craze.

There were some excellent entries again this year and the scores were very close. Thank you to everyone who entered and to Jenny Hibbert for her excellent judging.

Also we've recently been treated to an excellent presentation from one of our own members, Richard Jenkins entitled 'My Photographic Journey'.

Our programme is available at www.pyle-porthcawl-ps.co.uk. We welcome new members of all ages and skill levels, so if you have an interest in photography, join us on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm at St Clare's School, Newton.



20 Morgan by Patricia Kendrick.



Winner Martyn receives his trophy from judge Jenny Hibbert.

Well done John, over 20,000 specs are heading for Africa

John Craxton of Park Court Road, Bridgend was presented with the International President's Leadership Award for the collection of over 20,000 pairs of unwanted spectacles donated by the people of Bridgend and surrounding area.

This prestigious award, which John is seen wearing, was presented by International Director Lion Gabriele Sabatosi Scarpelli from Genova, Italy.

Bridgend Lions' president OJ Paton and the club's fellow Lions are proud of such an amazing achievement. The specs will be recycled in France and forwarded to Africa and other third world countries for distribution, and will help to restore sight to many inhabitants.

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John Craxton (on the left) with Godfrey Morris, district governor 105W.

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Two schools link up for St David's Day concert

THE Heronston Hotel management and staff hosted the annual St David's Day concert for the BC Civic Charity and the Mayor of Bridgend county borough, Coun Reg Jenkins.

The compere was Rev Canon Michael Komor, who has specialised in this event for many years. The choirs and pupils of Heronsbridge School and Llangewydd Junior School performed a variety of items to a very high standard, encouraged by an appreciative audience.

Father Komor praised the pupils for working so well together on their individual songs and joining to sing 'The Whole World in His Hands'; and he urged the audience to join in.

He encouraged everyone to support the chosen charities – the renal department at The Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend; Crossroads Care Bridgend, and the summer project for Heronsbridge School.

He also suggested that for the Lent season, it would be a good idea to support at least one, if not all of these charities, as this support is needed.

The headteacher of Heronsbridge School, Jeremy Evans; music teacher, Claire Williams; headteacher of Llangewydd Junior School, Neil Clode and music specialist Darryl Evans and staff all support the Civic Charity events and encourage the pupils to participate.

This wonderful evening to remember our Welsh patron saint – Dewi Sant – helped to add £376 for the charities.

The next event is on Saturday, March 25 at Archbishop McGrath High School Hall, Brackla at 7pm: 'An Evening of Musical Splendour' with Porthcawl Male Choir and local artists. Tickets £5 available from 01656 651491 or at the door on the night.





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LOCAL RIDER SURVIVES 'HORRIFIC' FALL

A HORSE rider who was in a coma for 10 days after a horrific fall has praised the flying doctors and hospital surgeons who saved her life.

Jan Hartland suffered severe chest injuries and a perforated lung after falling while riding last summer. Although she remained in Morriston Hospital until the autumn, the 64-year-old from Llanharan is now back in work.

With her own horse ill, Jan was on a friend's horse at Southerndown Common on August 31 last year.

"We were trotting but there was somebody else riding and they were galloping round and round, which set our horses off. I don't remember what happened but suddenly the horse was going faster and I was hanging off."

"The next thing I knew I was on the ground. My friend later told me I sat up and said I was okay and then I completely collapsed."

"A paramedic arrived and made the decision to call the air ambulance. He said I wouldn't survive if I went by road."

Jan had suffered a severe flail chest – a life-threatening condition where a



X-ray showing the implants used to reposition and fix Jan's ribs.

segment of the rib cage breaks off and becomes detached from the rest of the chest wall – and a perforated lung, and was struggling to breathe.

The medics on board the Wales Air Ambulance charity helicopter who treated Jan were Dr Kate Stephens and critical care practitioner Chris Connor of EMRTS Cymru – Wales' flying doctors service. They gave Jan a blood transfusion and a series of powerful painkillers, then put a tube into her airway so she could be placed on a ventilator.

The crew also gave Jan an anaesthetic, as putting her to sleep reduced the risk of agitation and made the process of transfer to hospital by air more comfortable.

Only EMRTS Cymru can undertake these lifesaving treatments outside of a hospital environment.

The flight to Morriston Hospital took 20 minutes, a journey that would have taken twice as long by road.

Professor Pallister said: "In close liaison with intensive care doctors we operated on

her ribs to reposition them correctly and fix them so she could begin to breathe normally again.

"We used implants – tiny, purpose-made plates and screws – to reposition her ribs.

"Jan did have some problems with infection but as she was previously very healthy she responded really well to treatment.

"She is very lucky to be alive. If it hadn't been for the EMRTS service she wouldn't have even made it to hospital."

Jan was in an induced

coma for 10 days. She required two further operations because of the infection, and was in Morriston Hospital for five weeks before coming home in October.

"All the staff in Morriston's intensive care unit and all the doctors were absolutely brilliant.

"I was in Ward A after intensive care. It's a really busy ward but they were wonderful. They really took care of me and they were always cheerful and positive.

"I would also like to thank my local district nurses."

Jan has been given the all-clear and earlier this year returned to her part-time administration job with a cosmetics company.

She still experiences some muscle discomfort and has told husband Ian she will not ride horses again, but she knows it could have been much worse.

"The paramedic who was first at the scene saved my life by calling the air ambulance. Then the team on the helicopter continued to save my life.

"What Professor Pallister and his team did, saved my life as well. Every decision everybody made contributed to me being here now."



Jan Hartland.



Professor Ian Palliser.

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Double Grammy-award winner's praise for children's choirs

A DOUBLE Grammy award winner – who is also an adjudicator in this year's Côr Cymru competition – has been astonished by the standards of the choirs in Wales.

Christopher Tin believes the children's choirs have set an incredibly high standard for this year's competition.

The respected adjudicator's remarks come before the next episode of the S4C series on Sunday, March 19, featuring the children's choirs. Four of Wales' most talented children's choirs will be trying to impress him and his fellow adjudicators.

Maria Guinand from Venezuela and Oxford University's first Choral Professor, Edward Higginbottom, Tin said: "For an American like myself, this competition is an eye-opening showcase of the depth and quality of the Welsh choral tradition. I'm particularly impressed by the young singers – the children and youth categories are full of radiant voices who sing with musicality and sophistication."

Côr Cymru is held every two years and has



five categories. Four choirs won a place in the semi-finals of the children's choir section.

Côr Iau Ieuancid Môn, Côr Ieuancid Môn, Ysgol Gerdd Ceredigion and Côr y Cwm from the Rhondda.

When the last Côr Cymru competition was held in 2015, children's choir Côr Heol y March near Cowbridge were the overall winners of the competition.

Two years later, the conductor of Côr Heol y March, Eleri Roberts, is still extremely proud of the win and considers it one of the highlights in

the choir's history. "Winning the Côr Cymru competition in 2015 was an amazing experience and it has given us an abundance of amazing opportunities," she said.

"The choir has had the opportunity to perform the work of Karl Jenkins, *Cantata Memoria*, and to sing in a concert with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, broadcast on BBC Radio 3. More recently we sang in a St David's Day reception at 10 Downing Street."

A prize of £4,000 is given to the overall winner of Côr Cymru.

Côr Heol y March used the prize money to Spain, and we won. We compete in another also had the opportunity to sing in a friendship concert in Barcelona Europe.

"We used the Côr Cathedral, which was an amazing opportunity to experience," said Ms International Choir Roberts.

Easter eggs for Ty Hafan
GREEN WILLOW FUNERALS, Cardiff-based funeral directors, are supporting Ty Hafan this Easter by collecting Easter eggs and gifts to donate to the hospice in Sully.

The main donation point will be their premises in Dinas Powys, run by funeral director, Jordan Tyler. Gifts can also be taken to any of their other offices or funeral homes.

The last date for donation is Friday, March 31.



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Book your tickets now for Côr Merched concert



The choir's concert takes place on Friday, April 7 in Maesteg Town Hall at 7pm.

BOOK your tickets now for Côr Merched Cwm Llynfi's (Llynfi Valley Ladies' Choir), annual concert.

The concert takes place on Friday, April 7 in Maesteg Town Hall at 7pm. Led by musical director Paul Deenik and accompanist Laura Deenik, it promises to be a great evening's entertainment, with guest artist baritone Meilir Jones.

Originally from Llangefni on the Isle of Anglesey, Meilir Jones graduated with a First Class (Hons) B.Mus vocal studies degree from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama in Cardiff, (where his studies were supported by Quilter, Wealth Manager FTA Advisers).

The event will be compered by Maesteg's own Tony Mullins. Tickets £8 are available from Maesteg Town Hall's box office in Maesteg Library, on 01656 815995 or online at www.maestegtownhall.com

Anyone interested in joining the choir can come along to our weekly rehearsal at the Catholic Church of Our Lady and St Patrick, Monica Street, Maesteg on Wednesday evenings at 7pm.

You don't have to hail from the Llynfi Valley to join!

We have choristers from other parts of the borough. The choir is non-auditioning and you don't have to be able to read music, all we ask is a love of singing. Follow us on Facebook and take a look at our website www.cornerchedcwmllynfi.wales

MARGARET GRIFFITHS

Fifty people take part in Bridgend 'taster' sessions



Taking part in a flower arranging class.

BRIDGEND Communities First recently hosted two 'learning mornings' in Bryncethin and Maesteg.

Over 50 people tried a variety of taster sessions based around future courses including first aid, flower arranging and 'up-cycling'.

Company continues to succeed in global markets



Madeleine Moon MP with director Malcolm Pearce.

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Madeleine Moon met Malcolm Pearce and Jonathan Templar, directors at Customised Sheet Metal Ltd to congratulate them on being awarded Business of the Year 2016 for the second year running.

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Successful applicants will be notified after the closing date.

estate for over 25 years and now has 30 employees. Their growth in orders means their present facility is too small and they are seeking bigger premises on the estate.

Matthew said they operate an apprenticeship scheme at the company, taking on engineering apprentices with good grades in maths - which is essential for the technical expertise needed for their work, and they are difficult to find.

"He was encouraged to know that local schools were actively working on STEM subjects with pupils to raise interest in engineering as well as science, technology and maths to achieve higher standards across the board in the next generation."

The MP added: "It is another niche company operating in the Bridgend constituency succeeding in the global market."

Fairtrade Festival held in Bridgend at Carnegie House

BRIDGEND County Fairtrade Partnership is holding a Fairtrade Festival including a 'Bake-Off' at Carnegie House, Wyndham Street, Bridgend on Saturday, March 18 from 11am to 3pm to be judged by Madeleine Moon MP.

The 'Fairtrade Bake-Off' is organised by charity Sustainable Wales. This is an opportunity for families to get involved in this event, which promotes Fairtrade.

As well as the Fairtrade Bake-Off there will be Fairtrade stalls, coffee bar, stalls, story-telling, music, films, drumming, raffles and tombolas. Entry is free.

We are inviting all ages, from churches, organisations and the community to 'get baking'. The overall judge will be Madeleine Moon MP.

Last year's bake-off in Porthcawl was won by Nottage Primary (with assistance from staff). Maybe your school pupils and teachers might enter?

Favourites were Victoria Sandwich, chocolate cup-cakes and wiggly-worm

AM says Government must consult to make sure travel scheme is targeted properly

REGIONAL AM Suzy Davies has welcomed a Welsh Government U-turn on the future of a youth bus travel discount scheme.

The Welsh Labour government had decided to scrap the 'My Travel Pass' scheme because of a low take-up but she was one of those who challenged the Welsh Government, campaigning for it to be retained and properly promoted to young people.

Mrs Davies, who is a Welsh Conservative Regional AM, said:

"This assistance, which gave a third off the adult fare, made a big difference to young people in training, further education or those in low paid jobs - if they knew about it."

"The Welsh Government's own research has found that 91 per cent of the young people who responded

used local bus services at least once a week. This proves that the way in which the My Travel Pass scheme was promoted was at fault for the low take-up of just seven per cent."

"I now expect Welsh Government to liaise with employers and colleges about how best to help young employees, so that the new Youth Travel Pass scheme will be targeted properly at those who would use it - and is also widely publicised in colleges as well."

"Even with the poor promotion that the existing scheme has had, some 8,000 young people have benefited so there is huge potential to really make a difference in helping youngsters get a foot on the career ladder."

MARGARET GRIFFITHS

Poignant story of Ruth Ellis

THE March evening, Mr George London, mixing with Blakely, told the people from the film poignant story of the industry and appeared in convicted murderer Ruth Ellis, born Ruth Rides Again.

Neilson, on October 1926 in Rhyl, north in one of the clubs, that she was introduced to David Blakely by Mike Hawthorn, the racing driver, and many other well known people. Ruth married George Ellis in November 1950.

It was on Easter Sunday 1955 that Ellis shot Blakely dead outside The Magdala public house in Hampstead and gave herself up to the police.

She was taken into custody and after the court case went to Holloway Prison, where she was executed on July 13, 1955, being the last woman to be hanged in this country. Since then there have been doubts as to whether she actually did shoot David Blakely.

We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm at St David's Church Hall, Nottage. Anyone wishing to join us is very welcome. The next meeting will be on April 6.

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LIONS' CELEBRATIONS

TO celebrate this year's centenary of Lions Clubs International, the Lions Club of Bridgend has a Centennial grant fund of £2,500 for distribution to local worthwhile causes.

Lions Clubs International is an international secular, non-political service organisation founded by Melvin Jones in 1917. It has more than 46,000 local clubs and 1.4 million members in over 200 countries around the world. The Bridgend club was formed in 1975 serving the local community.

To celebrate this momentous occasion, individual grants of up to £500 each are available to local charitable organisations within the Bridgend area, including Pencoed, Ogmore Vale and the Garw Valley.

Applications are invited from any such

group stating what the grant will be used for, and who will benefit. Groups should also include a copy of their constitution. Successful applicants may be promoted in the local press.

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Theatre, during the recent half term school holidays.

Families enjoyed an 'out-of-this-world' experience watching the stars and planets that surround us, by stepping into the Planetarium and being transported into Space.

The event was attended by 42 adults and 71 children.

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Gordon's love of art remains undimmed – even though he only has use of one eye

FORMER miner, Gordon Farmer, who Max Boyce once dubbed 'The Picasso of the Garw Valley', continues to delight people on social media – and GEM readers of course – with his portraits.

Here, he captures 'Man's Best Friend'.

Gordon Farmer (77) turned to 'pencil portraiture' late in life as a means of keeping his mind off the pain caused

by TIM CHAPMAN

by injuries inflicted in an industrial accident.

Three years ago, his exhibition – 'Face to Face' – ran over two days at the Blaengarw Workmen's Hall and was a snapshot of Welsh culture over the previous 50 years.

Anthony Hopkins, Ray Gravell, JPR, Stanley Baker, Ruth Jones, Shane Williams, Rob Brydon and Tom Jones jostled with evocative sketches of

miners working in cramped tunnels and tight to the coalface.

Gordon was born at Bryn Cottages, Pontypridd and has lived in the Garw Valley all his life.

He worked as a miner for 12 years, was later employed at a manufacturing company and went on to work as a security guard in local quarries – ending up getting badly injured by a metal sign which blew

over in high winds.

In retirement,

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Nowadays,

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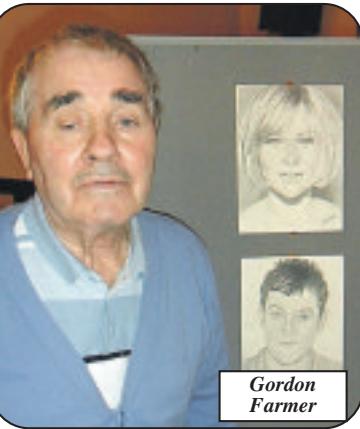
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Mr Anthony Windibank – 3 Larch Close, The Burrows, Newton – Single storey flat roof sun lounge extension to rear of property and porch and garage extension to front of property.

Mr Richard Player – 6 Traws Fynydd,

Brackla – Rear slope of garage roof will be changed from tiles as per P/16/413/FUL to an EPDM roof covering. Julie Ferri – 5 Coed Parc Court,

Bridgend – Fell a very tall pine tree which is located near front door of the property and replace with a more suitable species.

Mr Robert Dugula – 2 Ashgrove, Bryntffirion – Retention of single storey rear extension for kitchen, dining room and storage.

Mr Mark Prosser – 126

Merthyr Mawr Road,

Bridgend – Conversion of garage to cater for disabled person, erection of single storey rear orangery, installation of rear link ramp from garage and installation of two

dormer windows on the garage.

Mr Graham Evans – 26 Heol y Mynydd, Sarn – Two storey side extension.

M Perrett and N Heath – 84 Oxford Street, Pontycymmer – External step to hardstanding to rear lane, steps from bedroom external landing to hardstanding.

Broomwell Properties Ltd – Llwyncelyn, Pantywllau, Coity – Part two storey/part single storey side extension, first floor rear extension, front porch and associated external alterations.

Mr Robert Sidney – 65

Pyle Inn Way, Pyle – Remove overhanging branches only to prevent damage to property at Longlands Close.

Scimitar Homes –

Former Coity Primary School, Heol Yr Ysgol, Coity – Relaxation of condition 1 of P/15/606/FUL; amend reference to the amended house type design.

CTiL and Telefonica UK Ltd – Land at Blaengarw Farm, Moun Pleasant, Blaengarw – Installation of 15m lattice mast, supporting three antennae, two 30mm transmissions dishes, together with associated ground based cabinets and ancillary development.

Clarke Telecom Ltd – Land at Coegnant Caravan Storage, Bryn Llefrith, Caerau – Base station

installation – 15m high lattice mast accommodating two antennae and two dishes together with associated equipment cabinets within a fenced compound.

Mr Simon Bridges – 1 Glannant Row, Shwt – Certificate for lawful use – existing for a conservatory.

M Sion Emery – Ael y Don, Ty Fry Road, Cefn Cribwr –

Construct a modern two storey extension to the rear and side of the property to provide open plan kitchen/living utility and WC to the ground floor. Extend bedroom 3, new master bedroom with ensuite to the first floor.

One 2 One Therapy – Nodor House, 3 South Road, Bridgend – Change of use from ancillary office to clinic within Class D1.

Mysterious deer are captured at a misty Margam Park



This strange photo, of the deer, was taken at Margam Park on a foggy, rainy day in February.
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Surface of A48 road called into question

Welsh Assembly Member, Andrew RT Davies, is calling for improvements to be made to the A48 road between Culverhouse Cross and Bridgend following a spate of accidents.

The Welsh Conservatives' leader raised the "appalling condition" of the road at the National Assembly. He told Leader of the House and Vale AM Jane Hutt that six accidents had occurred on the road the previous week.

Mr Davies said: "When you have six accidents on a stretch of road, there is a cause for concern, I would suggest.

"Thankfully, no-one was killed, but there were some serious injuries. The surface of that road is in an appalling condition, with several very deep potholes."

He asked Ms Hutt what maintenance work is required on the road and what safety measures can be implemented to alleviate some of the traffic hazards.

Ms Hutt said she was of course aware of the accidents to which Mr Davies had referred.

She said there had been a sharp and unexpected frost, but roads were gritted by the Vale Council.

Ms Hutt told Mr Davies consideration will be given to the condition of the A48.

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AM raises safety concerns after blaze

The bus is on fire. (Picture by Mike Baker).



A LOCAL bus caught fire last Thursday, just after 9.30am on Thursday, March 16, at the bus station behind Cowbridge Town Hall.

The bus is operated by New Adventure Travel and there were no reports of any passengers being on the bus at the time.

However, South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has voiced his concerns. He said it was vital that a proper

investigation was made to determine the cause of the incident and to ensure that any necessary changes take place.

Mr Davies said: "This may have been an isolated incident, but it is nonetheless serious that a bus caught fire and it is vital it is investigated properly."

"We must get to the bottom of the incident to put passengers' minds at rest and ensure that they can travel safely."

A spokesman for New Adventure Travel said: "The incident is currently under investigation".



NOTICE TO MEMBERS of Bridgend Lifesavers Credit Union Ltd Annual General Meeting

To be held on Thursday 30th March 2017 from 7pm, at the Sarn Lifelong Learning Centre, Merfield Close, Sarn, Bridgend, CF32 9SW.

Nomination forms and further details available by contacting 01656 729912.

Janice Lewis, Secretary, On behalf of Board Of Directors. (www.blscu.co.uk)

News from the apiary at Fonmon

WINTER is definitely giving way to spring and the colonies are busy foraging on the catkins, celadines, and even the few dandelions that are appearing.

All of the colonies, with the exception of No 3 look vigorous; so far, no colony has been opened up and at the first opportunity (sunny dry day) No 3 will be opened and assessed. There are bees in this colony coming and going, but they appear somewhat sluggish.

Losses during winter are not unusual, not all colonies have the vigour to withstand the winter slowdown.

It has to be remembered that honeybees do not hibernate as do other members of the bee world.

Given temperatures around 10°C, they will venture outside of the hive. These days, there always seems to be something in flower for the bees to find and each external investigation requires the expenditure of energy; this is supplied from the stores within the hive, i.e. honey or pollen.

However, outside sources of food are not guaranteed, and the beekeeper must ensure that each colony has

sufficient stores to see them through the months of reduced external energy sources. Let us not forget that the honeybee's principal task is as a pollinator – and not to provide honey for the beekeeper!

Flowers produce nectar and pollen as an inducement to all pollinators and in doing so, ensure the survival of not only their species, but that of the insects doing the pollinating.

Given fair weather, the honeybee works very assiduously and will continue to do so with no period reached when they say 'that is enough'!

If the blooms are out there and the weather remains kind, the colonies accumulate more than they require to see them through the winter, and this excess can be utilised by yours truly, the beekeeper!

But all in the garden is not rosy! The countryside is much depleted when it comes to flora and fauna.

The reduction in insect numbers can be gauged by the fact that these days very few motorists have to spend time cleaning dead insects from their car, i.e. honey or pollen.

What are we going to do about this sad state of affairs?

HAROLD WILLIAMS

Barry pupils will set off to volunteer in Sri Lanka

ON July 1, Barry Comprehensive School's Team Sri Lanka 2017 will be departing for the Gampaha district of Sri Lanka.

Instead of heading for the beach, the group of sixth form students and teachers will be volunteering their time to teach in a local school and visit orphanges, a deaf and blind school and various other institutions that house vulnerable people.

The team's fundraising goal is £10,000 and part of this money will be used to purchase teaching materials, toys, sports equipment and art and crafts materials, for the Help Lanka charity and the children and adults that they will meet during the trip.

Alun Cairns MP, a

supporter and donor to Help Lanka, recently visited the school to speak to the sixth formers about their upcoming trip and to pledge his support to the fundraising effort.

During his visit, he talked about his own recollections of the Boxing Day tsunami in 2004 that gave rise to the charity and watched a presentation from last year's touring party.

Mr Cairns said: "It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm the students had for helping others in need so far away. Their dedication is truly impressive."

In order to meet their fundraising goal, the team is looking for local businesses and key stakeholders to sponsor or donate gifts in aid of a number of upcoming fundraising events. These include a Race

Nominate your Tenovus volunteer

NOMINATIONS for the 2017 Tenovus Cancer Care Volunteer Awards are now open.

The annual awards recognise the contribution of volunteers to Tenovus Cancer Care and the difference they make to the lives of cancer patients and their loved ones. The charity has almost 2,000 volunteers across the country.

There are seven award categories, five of which are based on the values of Tenovus Cancer Care: Creative, Respectful, Bold, Supportive and Inspiring. Awards are also

Night at the school on March 24 a quiz night, a pop up car wash, a summer ball and a car boot sale.

If you are interested in attending or sponsoring a horse, race or table at the upcoming Race Night, or getting involved in another event, contact Damon Williams or Charlotte Bowkett at Barry Comprehensive School on 01446 411411.

£75,000 to 'help Vale recycle more'

THE Welsh Government is awarding £75,000 to the Vale Council to help increase the amount of waste it recycles and ensure Wales remains ahead of the rest of the UK when it comes to recycling.

The funding will be used to "invest in new technologies to update recycling methods, increase recycling rates and improve value for money".

The Welsh Government is providing up to £3 million funding to eight local authorities across Wales through its 'Collaborative Change' programme.

The announcement comes as a new report puts Wales as the 'third best recycling nation in the world'.

Business is Booming on Bridgend's Industrial Estates

Professionals - Just a stone's throw away

It pays to check out Bridgend's estate experts!

HERE is no getting away from the fact that the name 'industrial estate' brings to mind factories and the like – but there is much more to the industrial estates around Bridgend than manufacturing facilities.

The wide variety of businesses now operating from these bases have made such estates an important part of the south Wales retail mix.

After all, Bridgend's proximity to the M4 means that it is well within the range of customers from the east and west – customers who would not normally pencil in Bridgend.

The result is that more and more businesses believe

that basing themselves on one of Bridgend's industrial estates is a great way of making themselves available to a wide population.

They factor in the probability of attracting customers from Swansea (to the west) and Cardiff (to the east) when deciding to come to Bridgend.

This was certainly a factor for Dainton Self Storage, who can be found in the Coity Road Industrial Estate.

Dainton has taken the concept of self storage and has added a host of other features that can help local businesses.

For so many growing businesses (and established ones too) flexibility is the key, and Dainton offer a number of services with this mind.

The even have 'start up' office space available, and supply

portable buildings too.

(For full details, see the advert on the facing page.)

Industrial estates around Bridgend come in different shapes and sizes, but the Bridgend Industrial estate is surely the biggest.

In World War Two, it was the home of the massive armaments factory that was Bridgend's contribution to the war effort.

The estate is flat, with good roads and a 'retail quarter' – although many businesses outside that quarter also welcome retail customers.

Space means that businesses can show their products to its best advantage, and this is another reason why industrial estates are becoming so popular in this day and age.

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You're in safe hands at Bridgend Dental Surgery

BRIDGEND Dental Surgery is a private practice, opened in April 2016 by experienced practitioners, Dr Zoe Clarke and Colin Rees.

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Putting customers first is second nature to traders

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One company that made the move from the town centre to a trading estate, are Riverside Hardware – and they have never looked back.

It was 16 years ago that they settled in the Bridgend Industrial Estate, opening a massive warehouse of 7,500 sq ft, and a combination of word of mouth and advertising soon brought customers from as far afield as Newport, Brecon, Cardiff and Pontypridd.

The company even exports to Sri Lanka.

Owner Ryan Woodbridge told The GEM that the key had been a comprehensive stock covering general engineering, from tools to fasteners. (For more details, see their advert on page 18).

He said: "We have grown and are now the largest supplier of Draper Tools in the area, and are a premier dealer for

Napoleon Barbecues.

"We are also the fastest-growing Calor gas dealer in south Wales."

A more recent arrival, also at Bridgend industrial Estate, is Keltic Fires.

Director Matt Richards told The GEM that they were approaching their second 'birthday' in Bridgend (in July), and that their performance on the estate had exceeded expectations.

He said: "As more and more people have got to know about us, and realised what we had to offer, we have been really busy."

He added that, of course, winter was always the busiest time, but that spring and summer was a very good time to plan ahead.

Matt said: "Trends do change so we have to be adaptable, but customers value the professional advice they get here.

"At the moment, our most popular lines are

wood-burning fires, and high-end gas fires."

(For more details, see their advert below).

In contrast, Action Doors have been on the Bridgend Industrial Estate for 25 years, and they have used that time to build up a massive stock of garage doors and associated spare parts – not forgetting the expertise that comes with all those years in the business.

Director Adrian Collins feels their time on the estate has been well spent and – to celebrate that 25th anniversary – Action Doors is offering a 25 per cent discount on all products – just one more reason to pay a visit!

Bridgend Industrial Estate has its own retail quarter, of course, and that is where you will find the Bridgend Dental Surgery, which opened in April 2016.

Dr Zoe Clarke and Colin Rees have years of experience between them,

and their decision to invest in modern premises speaks volumes for their confidence in their new location.

For too long, some potential customers of any business on an industrial estate have been put off by the outdated image of such estates. (For more details, see their advert on the facing page.)

Bridgend is dotted with modern estates, where so many businesses ply their trade – all offering easy free parking and good facilities to customers they value.

In return, you get none of the hassle of 'town centre shopping' and what's more, you never know what other business you will spot as you travel around the estate.

The world of retail is constantly changing, but the key is still finding expertise and good value – and there is plenty to be found around Bridgend!

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Dainton's Coity Road site also has 12 offices that are aimed at helping Bridgend's budding entrepreneurs, start-up companies and small businesses.

Dainton's Bridgend manager, Darren Griffiths, said: "Many small businesses and

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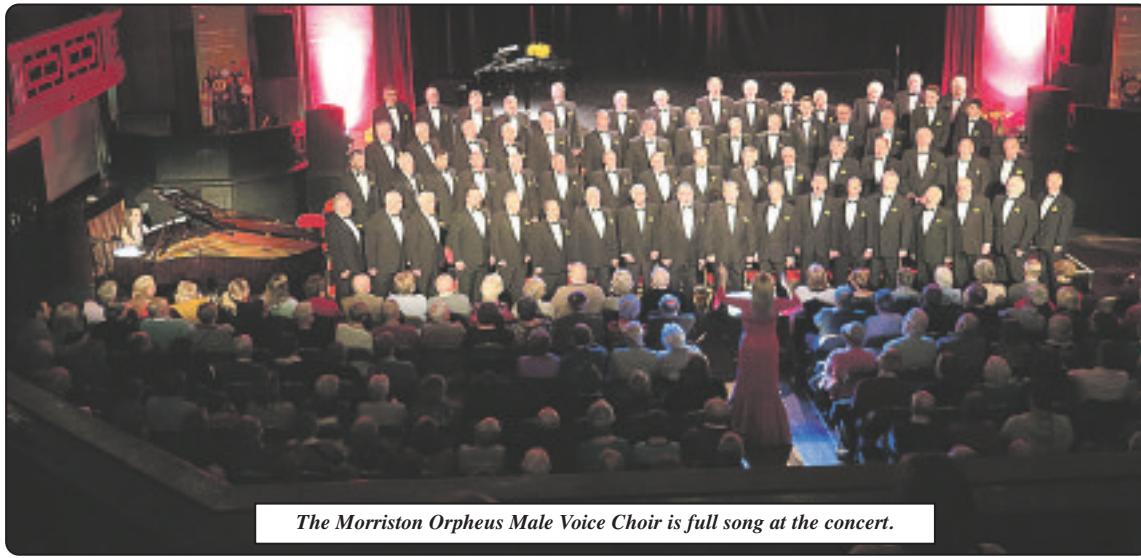
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Porthcawl St David's Day concert will help bring youth eisteddfod to Pencoed



The Morriston Orpheus Male Voice Choir is full song at the concert.



ABOVE: Joanna Aitchinson with her bouquet of flowers

Report and photographs by KEITH E MORGAN.

ST David's Day and what a glorious day it turned out to be!

GEM reporter Keith E Morgan, who is a regular visitor to the Channel Islands and the author of four books on Jersey, was interviewed at the first light on BBC Radio Jersey by news-reader Ashlea Tracy.

What an introduction I was given; one that brought a tear or two to my eyes and made me feel very proud to be Welsh – a recording of the crowd at the Millennium Stadium singing ‘Mae Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau’.

Later in the day I was to both hear the Welsh National Anthem again at the St David's Day Concert at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, given by the Morriston Orpheus.

This was not my first encounter with this marvellous choir as I had sung with them before in 1947 at the Brangwyn Hall in Swansea, when I was a first year pupil at Swansea Dynevor Grammar School and took part in the annual concert given by the school.

The compère for the evening was the broadcaster and vocalist Dean Powell.

First on stage was the Morriston Orpheus, 70 in all on this occasion, together with musical director Joy Amman Davies and accompanist Helen Roberts.

The choir began by singing a selection of three popular Welsh songs, ‘Harlech’, ‘Calon Lân’ and ‘Llanfair’.

They were followed by Porthcawl Comprehensive School Choir, the Bridgend Youth Theatre, the Morriston Orpheus again and Aelwyd Porthcawl, who were last on stage before the interval.

Following the break, the Morriston Orpheus Choir treated the almost capacity audience to a tremendous rendering of three more traditional Welsh hymns before handing over to the Bridgend Youth Theatre.

Dean Powell then introduced the soloist for the evening – Angharad Lisabeth Rees (soprano) who hails from Pontrhydfen, who received training from Patricia O'Neill.

Angharad enthralled the audience with a selection of songs from well-known operas.

The Porthcawl Male Voice Choir

entertained us further before handing the baton back to Joy Amman Davies and the Morriston Orpheus, who brought the concert to the closing stages with some more Welsh ballads including the tear-rendering ‘Myfanwy’.

Finally, all the performers came back on stage to lead the audience in bringing the house down with ‘Mae Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau’. A fabulous evening was had by all.

The concert was held in aid of the ‘Eisteddfod yr Urdd’ to be held in Pencoed this year from May 29 to June 3. The Urdd Eisteddfod Appeals Committee for Porthcawl, Pyle, Cornelli, Kenfig, Kenfig Hill and Cefn Cribwr’, was formed with the express remit of raising £10,000 towards the cost of hosting the event in Bridgend.

To date, the committee of Joanne Aitchison, Ken Parfit, Leanne Jones, Lisa Wilson, Siân Morris, Dawn Snell, Katherine Evans and Delyth Nicholls, are well on the way to reaching their target.

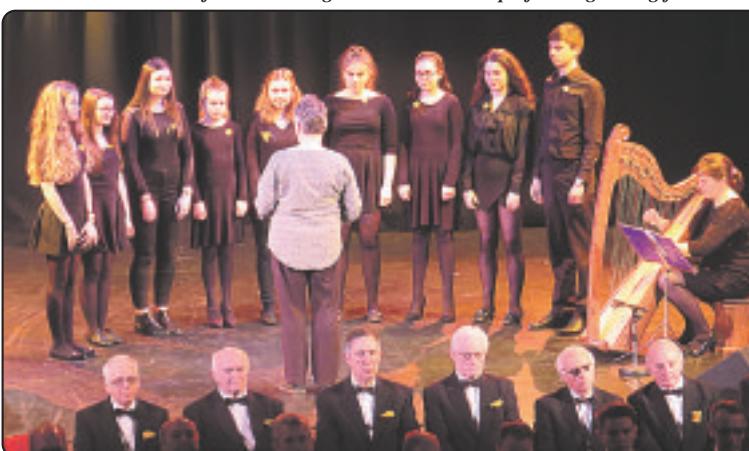
The Morriston Orpheus concert, organised by Joanne and Ken and assisted by many others, including Patricia O'Neill, Sue Parker and Robert Bailey, raised the fabulous sum of £5,000 with all the Choristers travelling under their own steam to save on the overhead costs.

On the same night in North Cornelli, the Kenfig Hill & District Male Voice Choir gave a concert and contributed £500 to the growing fund whilst the Porthcawl Male Voice Choir also gave £500 from a previous fundraising concert in All Saints Church in Porthcawl.

Other contributions to the fund are being raised through coffee mornings, quizzes at various pubs, and other events, as well as from many local sponsors including Awen Trust, Affordable Tyres Auto Centre, The Hi Tide Inn, KNM Windows, One Vision Aerial & Satellite Services, Carpet Care Wales, Coast 2 Coast Building Control, The Really Useful Directory, Octopus Creative Design, Loulou Boutique, Pyle Garden Centre, Eco Green Gardens and Commercial Print Wales.



ABOVE: Girls from the Bridgend Youth Theatre performing a song from Fiddler on the Roof.



ABOVE: Aelwyd Porthcawl on stage.



Musical director Joy Amman Davies (right) and accompanist Helen Roberts.



Patricia O'Neill and Dean Powell.

IN BRIEF
ON Friday, June 23 KPC Youth & Community will hold their annual charity golf day at the Grove Golf Club, Porthcawl.

Team entry for teams of 4 is £160 per team (Early Bird deal £140 for any entries/payments received by April 30). Entry includes coffee on arrival, golf fees and a buffet meal following the round of golf.

Sponsorship is also sought for raffle/auction prizes or £50 to sponsor a hole.

For team entry forms or more details, contact Alison on 01656 749219 or via email on kpcyouth@hotmail.com

Poetry
BRIDGEND'S Rhian Edwards, winner of the Wales Book of the Year award, launches her latest collection of poetry at a Sustainable Wales event at Porthcawl's Green Room (5 James Street, Porthcawl CF36 3BG) at 8pm, Friday, March 31.

Entitled 'Brood', the book deals with issues of motherhood and family.

Copies of Brood will be available at £6, which Rhian will be happy to sign.

The reading will be followed by an open mic in which other writers are invited to perform. Entry £4.

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THE site of the former Second World War German prisoner-of-war camp at Island Farm, Bridgend, was opened to the public recently, as the Hut 9 Preservation Group staged their first open weekend of 2017, on March 11-12.

A total of 630 visitors took the opportunity to visit the scene of the famous 'German Great Escape' and were entertained by volunteers, who told them more about the history of the site. The former World War Two camp is sealed to visitors for much of the time, but several times each year the locked doors of the hut from which this escape was made, are opened to allow hundreds of visitors a rare look inside this unique building.

Members of the Hut 9 Preservation Group and over 50 'living historians', dressed in period uniforms, gave talks and guided tours inside the hut. A number of period military vehicles were also on site. Military historians were on hand to tell visitors about the history of the buildings, from their occupation by female workers at the nearby ordnance factory to the housing of hundreds of German prisoners of war. Also on display were original wall paintings made by the occupants over 70 years ago and rescued from some of the now-demolished huts.

Brett Exton gave illustrated talks on the history of the site, and Dr Jonathan Hicks told visitors about the work of the group since its formation in 2012, and also gave an insight into that famous night in March 1945 when 70 German prisoners made their bid for freedom.

A spokesman said: "Every penny donated by visitors at these special openings is spent on improving the visitor experience. In the last two years, under the guidance of group member Wayne Gill, the group has renovated a nearby derelict building to convert it into a visitor centre and this building now contains a re-creation of the night that 70 Germans escaped through a tunnel dug from one of the rooms in Hut 9.

The group has also worked hard to kit out the rooms inside Hut 9 to give visitors an insight into its fascinating past and another newly-furnished room was opened for the first time for this event.

A replica guard tower has been constructed by the group and a replica NAAFI café, staffed by volunteers, provided refreshments, while group member Stel Anthony recorded the memories of visitors who remembered the site in its heyday.

Dr Hicks said: "It was apparent from the hundreds of positive comments made by our visitors that they value the work we have done to keep alive this important piece of Welsh history. The open weekend was fully booked up months in advance, which gives some idea of the scale of public interest in this historic site.

"All 300 tickets for our June 10 event have already been reserved. I am now taking bookings for our October event, and half of the 600 tickets have already been snapped up. The interest in our work is phenomenal."

Donations to the Hut 9 voluntary group, which is seeking to ensure the future of the site, are welcomed and allow the group to make even more improvements to the building and surrounding area.

To reserve a place on the Hut 9 tours on October 7 and 8, email Dr Hicks at: bookings@hut9.org.uk. Details of the tours are also available via the group's website: www.hut9.org.uk.

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WE all know what St David's Day means in Wales, but in Porthcawl it means that the Celts are on their way.

Last weekend, the Inter-Celtic Festival, Cwlwm Celtaidd was in town once again, for the 15th year – and they will be back next year!

Groups from far and wide performed in the Grand Pavilion and other venues and – as Glyn Evans' pictures show – there was dancing in the streets.



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GEM READERS' LETTERS

'Looking for Royal Navy Jack!'

I DOUBT very much if the reader who only writes the occasional 'Letter to the Editor' realises just how well read that letter will be.

Local newspapers around the country, including The GEM, recently printed a letter of mine about those who have served in the Royal Navy trying to find their old shipmates.

The response has been fantastic; there are now more than 40 Royal Navy reunion weekends organised around the country. For those who are seeking the camaraderie of the past, the reunions are listed on the RN Shipmates web site,

www.rnshipmates.co.uk and if your readers want to get in touch and start a search, the contact is there.

For those not on email, drop a line to: Mike Crowe, 7 Heath Road, Sandown, Isle of Wight, PO36 8PG and I will send you a list and details. Please enclose a stamp on its own backing paper.

Typical are the HMS Cavalier Association reunion, the Field Gunners, HMS Illustrious Association, along with HMS Ark Royal, HMS Collingwood, HMS Loch Fada and, of course, the RN Shipmates reunion itself, for those without an Association – and many many more. Mike Crowe, Isle of Wight.

NHS article raises questions

LAST January, Dr Max Pemberton published an article about the NHS, which ended: "Either way, the truth is that the NHS hiring system is unable to do proper checks to ensure that health staff who come from fellow EU countries are capable of doing the job. There is no requirement for language tests, or even a test of basic medical competency."

Doctor friends tell me that since the Dr Urbani debacle, EU doctors are subject to assessment and I am glad to be corrected.

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Hill's skills make thrills at Llandow!

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by Andy Johnstone

ON a day when a nearby industrial fire threatened to cancel Speed of Sight's high-octane visit to Llandow Circuit, the only smoke of interest was from spinning tyres as around 20 people sped around the track.

Speed Of Sight (SOS), a registered charity, brings the track-day experience and the thrill of 'riding the ragged edge' to people with disabilities around the UK.

The charity was founded by Mike Newman, six-time Guinness World Record holder as the fastest blind man on the planet on land and water. Formerly a bank manager, Mike broke his first land speed record on a motorbike, going on to achieve four more world land speed records in a car and, more recently, achieving the water speed record.

Open to those with a disability – either from birth or because of illness, an accident or other injuries, and be it sensory loss, physical impairment or cognitive issues – the charity gives people the chance to enjoy such an invigorating experience.

One YYD pupil said: "It was very fast and a bit scary, but loads of fun!" Another added: "It made me want to be a professional driver when I'm older."

Ten pupils from Ysgol Y Deri (YYD), a special education school in Penarth, were among those on the starting line on a damp track under expert tuition from SOS instructors in the dual-control cars around the 1.5km circuit.

Llandow Circuit was a RAF station, operational until 1957, and opened as a racetrack in 1963 by Graham Hill, still the only winner of the Triple Crown of Motorsport, the Indianapolis 500, the 24 Hours of Le Mans and the Monaco Grand Prix. Hill was also a two-time Formula 1 world champion.

Something of Hill's skills must have influenced the plucky and lucky 10 from YYD. Steve Morris, a sixth-



A day never to be forgotten for this Ysgol Y Deri pupil.

form teacher at YYD, disability, would said: "It was an amazing normally not have the opportunity for our opportunity to ever drive pupils to be able to a car let alone enjoy experience driving a real taking the wheel of racing a car.

"Well, now they can." Sarah gave special thanks to all those that took part – both on and especially Llandow Circuit, which donated the track for the day.

Sarah added that SOS is booked to return to Llandow on October 2. "SOS is a charity," began Sarah, "and it relies on the support, sponsorship and patronage of businesses and individuals.

"This can include

donations of money, goods or services and organising fundraising events, staff volunteers or by having a corporate track day.

"Anyone wishing to sponsor and support our work with local disabled children and adults can do so. We provide life enhancing driving experiences for children, contact me by sending an email to me at sarah@sPEEDOFSIGHT.ORG, and adults whom, and because of their www.SPEEDOFSIGHT.ORG.

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The first aid instruction will be given by Welsh Ambulance Service Trust personnel.

The courses will run on Monday, March 20 at 7pm at Murchfield Community Centre, Sunncroft Lane, and on Tuesday, April 25 at Lee Hall, Britway Road, also at 7pm. If these courses are oversubscribed, a further course will be arranged.

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Out & About with The GEM

Local pub will host village cinema-goers

POPULAR village pub The Fox & Hounds in Llancafan will be hosting Cinema Club suppers, so that film-goers can enjoy a tasty supper before heading to the village's community cinema.

The next screening is on Friday, March 17 and features *Hunt for the Wilderpeople* (12A), at 7.30pm. The pre-screening supper includes a two-course meal, and a choice of sweet or salty popcorn to take away – all for £12.

The Fox and Hounds kitchen will open early

to allow guests to eat from 5.30pm, with a last sitting at 6.30pm – booking is essential.

Jim and Rhiannon Dobson recently took over The Fox and Hounds with the aim of making the pub the centrepiece of the village, as well as an appealing destination for visitors from further afield.

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Penarth concert

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It will feature Baroque choral and organ music written for, or by, Emperor Leopold I and it is part of a series being promoted by Cardiff University entitled *Music in Vienna 1700, 1800, 1900*. The choir is directed by Dr Peter Leech and Robert Court will be playing the organ.

The concert is preceded by a 20-minute pre-concert talk at 6.30pm. Admission to the concert costs £5 (includes the talk) but students and under-18s are free. Further information from Robert Court on 07954 149304, or rgcourt@ntlworld.com.

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THE sight of King Kong, perched atop the Empire State Building, swatting bi-planes like flies is one of the indelible images of cinema.

Since that 1933 film, *Kong* has been remade twice, in 1976 with Jeff Bridges and Jessica Lange, and in 2005 as Peter Jackson achieved his long-held dream to tackle the big ape.

In an age of remakes and reboots, it's unsurprising the King has remained dormant for so long. However, he makes another appearance in *Kong: Skull Island*, a film unconnected to previous Kong films. Set in 1974, an expedition party is taken to Skull Island by the Monarch group (who you may be aware of from 2014's *Godzilla*).

In charge is Randa (John Goodman), who along with tracker James Conrad (Tom Hiddleston), photographer Mason Weaver (Brie Larson) the film is a zippy thrill ride, the

and a group of soldiers, led by Samuel L. Jackson's Packard, are there to explore the uncharted island.

However, after a dust-up with Kong, the expedition group are sent sprawling across the island and must survive not just the elements, but the multitude of other creatures living on the island, some of whom are deadlier than Kong...

'Do we really need another *King Kong* film?' was probably the question on most people's lips when this film was announced. After all, while the original film is a classic, subsequent remakes have fallen short, so what would *Skull Island* bring to the table that these other films haven't?

Well, the answer is 'quite a lot', as *Kong: Skull Island* is a fun, epic blockbuster that knows exactly how to play the rules of the genre and has a good time doing so. Under the direction of Jordan Vogt-Roberts, the film is a zippy thrill ride, the

grandiose set-pieces underpinned with the subtext of the Vietnam war – which gives the story some depth rather than just be an all-action, no-thought film.

It's hard to believe that Vogt-Roberts has made only one feature film before this (the hugely impressive, yet low-key *The Kings of Summer*). However, much in the same way Colin Trevorrow made the leap from indie filmmaking to blockbuster filmmaking with *Jurassic World*, so Vogt-Roberts has made the step up with ease.

The film's period means that its ripe to play on the aftermath of the Vietnam war, not just in narrative terms but also in terms of visuals. With golden sunsets and army choppers to the fore, the scent of *Apocalypse Now* is never far away, the visual influence of 'Nam movies strong but never overriding.

But it's in the set-pieces that the director shows the greatest confidence of all. Unlike Gareth Edwards' *Godzilla*, which was more strait-laced, serious and eager to show off as little of the titular monster as possible, here Kong is front and centre, the star of the show – and so he should be.

From the opening,



by
GARETH JAMIESON

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stranded on the island since World War Two), and partly through lensing the plot through the prism of Vietnam.

When we meet Samuel L Jackson's Packard, we meet a man numbered to the conflict of war, desperate for one last opportunity at battle, and Kong proves to be that opportunity, his actions and desire to defeat Kong going against the wishes of many of the party. Yet for this proud soldier, this is his chance to avenge the maelstrom of Vietnam, to restore balance.

It's a clever and intelligent note that plays throughout the film, and the similarity in name of Kong and the (Viet)Cong is possibly more than just happy coincidence.

In such an epic blockbuster, it's no surprise that the performances fall a little by the wayside – Tom Hiddleston's character is nothing more than an alpha male leader devoid of personality, while Brie Larson's war photographer is at least a self-sufficient female lead (even if she is the damsel in distress by the film's end).

The real joy comes from the background characters; John C Reilly is a scream as the crazy airman, Samuel L Jackson gives his

character a grizzled depth, while the likes of Shea Whigham, Jason Mitchell and Thomas Mann, all provide a satisfying dynamic as members of the army team.

Kong: Skull Island is a superb take on both the genre and the character of Kong himself, and with his next appearance likely to be in the already-announced *Godzilla v King Kong* in 2020, it whets the appetite to see both this clash of the titans and more of the big old ape.

Hopefully, Jordan Vogt-Roberts will be involved in some capacity, as his direction is a major reason why this is one of the better blockbusters in recent memory.

VERDICT: A thrilling blockbuster ride, Jordan Vogt-Roberts has created a truly satisfying and epic take on the character of *Kong in Kong: Skull Island*. Visually breathtaking, it moves at a zippy pace, doesn't lack for scale or scope, and with the performances and depth of narrative, gives a little more substance to the style. *Highly recommended.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Godzilla* (2014), *Jurassic World* (2016).

WHAT'S ON / News in brief

Barry ward surgery

THE Labour Vale and Town councillors for Buttrills, Castleland and Court Wards Bronwen Brooks, Pamela Drake, Jeff Evans, Chris Elmore, Les Sword, Karl Kuhnell and Stuart Egan will be holding their regular advice surgery on Saturday, March 18 from 10am – 11am in the small community room at Barry Library, King Square. No appointment necessary.

Hearing loss help

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Councillor's surgery

COUNCILLOR Anthony Ernest (Independent) will be 'Down Your Way', to meet local residents with queries or concerns on Friday, March 17 at

5pm outside Turner House Gallery, Plymouth Road, Penarth, and at 5.20pm at the junction of Park Road and Bridgeman Road.

On Saturday, March 18 he will be outside Byrd Crescent Community Centre at 10am and outside the Post Office/Stores at Brockhill Way at 10.20pm. For those unable to make these times, contact Coun Ernest on 02920 702111.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjack pot lottery draw number D974.

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League of Friends members with therapist Lowri Roberts and the Clear Pictoys they have bought for the clinic.

FRIENDS STEP IN AT MAESTEG HOSPITAL

YOUNGSTERS have been given a helping hand to develop their language skills by dedicated fundraisers at Maesteg Hospital.

The hospital's League of Friends donated money collected at fundraising events to speech and language therapist Lowri Roberts, who runs a clinic there.

She was eager to be able to offer modern, colourful and engaging resources to her young patients and now, thanks to 'the Friends', she has been able to buy Clear Pictoys, which are part picture, part toy that help children explore sentence building.

"It's amazing that cups of tea and cake sold

by the Friends can turn into toys! These resources are brilliant because they are bright, colourful and catch children's eyes.

"They let us assess and work on children's understanding and use of language in an informal way," said Lowri.

The children who visit Maesteg clinic are already enjoying the resources.

One mother said: "The Pictoys are fab, I love the fact they have corresponding homework packs that enable me to carry on with activities at home my son after our speech therapy sessions."

League of Friends chairman John Thomas added: "It's always pleasing for us to see money we have raised throughout the year at

the hospital fete and from various donations being put to good use for the benefit of all patients and departments at Maesteg Hospital."

Head of speech and language therapy Alison Clarke said: "I'd like to thank the league for supporting the speech and language therapy service to deliver care to children and young people from the local area using modern

resources. "Both the therapists and the children appreciate having new materials to work with and play with.

"These will help children to explore early language skills leading from early word combinations to building sentences. The resources are attractive and fun and great for little hands."

Wales in spotlight at the Senedd

I WAS invited to an event, Voices of Wales, hosted at the Senedd in Cardiff Bay to celebrate St David's Day on March 1.

Presiding Officer (Llywydd) of the National Assembly, Elin Jones AM, opened the event with an outstanding speech.

Among others who made speeches were Bethan Jenkins AM, the chair of the National Assembly's culture, Welsh language and communications committee, and John Rostrom, co-founder of the Sŵn Music Festival.

The event featured performances by Beaufort Male Voice Choir, Kizzy Crawford, Aled Rheon, Danielle Lewis and more.

Beaufort Male Voice Choir sang some prominent Welsh choral

classics, which you would expect from a Welsh choir, including, 'I bod un sy'n ffyddlon', 'Calon Lân' and finally 'Tydi a Roddaist'.

It was a very entertaining and thoroughly enjoyable concert to watch. The performances reminded me of the extraordinary talent and musical taste that we have in this country. What a way to mark St David's Day, the National Day of Wales!

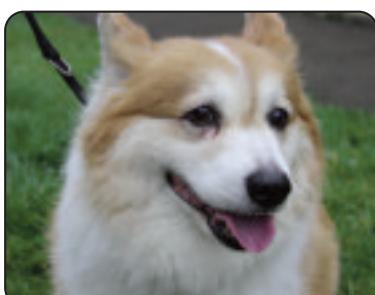
The stage was very colourful and so were the performances that featured.

I was especially impressed with the leaflets available at the event for those visiting the Senedd who have autism and/or sensory issues.

I look forward to visiting the Senedd in the near future for similar events.

Aled Thomas, Penarth

All Sandy the corgi needs is a quiet life!



SADLY, 11-year-old Welsh Corgi Sandy was handed into Dog Trust Bridgend's rehoming centre after his owner became ill. Like a typical, loyal Corgi, he loves the company of people and doesn't like being left on his own for too long.

Staff at the centre worry that he may become overlooked because of his age, Rebecca Baker, Assistant Manager at the Pe n-y-Fai centre said: "Sandy is a superb chap with a fabulous personality who just adores the company of people.

"He is looking for a quiet home with owners

who can offer him frequent shorter walks to help keep him fit, as he is a little on the chunky side and is prone to weight gain.

"Sandy is an older dog, so would benefit from living in a quiet home where he'll have the time to adjust to his new environment. He could live with older children who will give him time to settle in.

"He is a lovely, handsome older boy who really deserves to be with a loving family who can give him everything he needs."

Contact the team at Dogs Trust Bridgend on 0300 303 0292, www.dogstrust.org.uk

Pippa would love a nice garden

I'M Pippa and I'm a beautiful cat that likes a fuss.

I'm looking for a quiet home to call my own; I like company, but also like my own space where I can cat nap for an hour or two.

I need a home with a nice garden as I love a pottering around the garden."

If you can offer me a home, contact Cats Protection, Bridgend Adoption Centre, Pant Hirwaun, Bryncethin, Bridgend, (CF32 9UJ); call 01656 724396.



Children on a learning curve through the medium of art

AN art collaboration between children at Pencoed Primary School and Textile Artist Haf Weighton has been unveiled at Wales' only hospital art gallery.

The Hearth Gallery at University Hospital Llandough is displaying the exhibition 'Fabric Nation' which was officially opened by Sophie Howe, 'Future Generations Commissioner'.

In January, Pencoed Primary School selected Haf to be its creative practitioner, as part of the Arts Council of Wales Lead Creative Schools scheme.

The new exhibition at the HeARTH Gallery features the creative work of the children and Haf since the project began.

The school identified 18 students from year-4 to work on the project, which is aimed at using creativity to raise attainment in numeracy, as well as building confidence and self-esteem among the group.

Sophie Howe said: "Wales is the only country in the World with a Future Generations Commissioner and the Arts Council's Lead



The Pencoed group at the exhibition.

Creative schools project Union flag while the numbers from 18 fits perfectly within our exploring their own remit. Using a creative identity by 'creating new designs for the iconic flag' our children up for flag'.

Fiona Kinghorn,

interim director of public health at Cardiff and Vale UHB said: "As a health board, art is a big priority for us and you can see it

just makes a difference to the experience of people that come to the hospital. There's really strong evidence to support art and its role in health and wellbeing.

"We're really lucky at Llandough to have this exhibition space, it's a fantastic resource and you can see that people come into the gallery space and look at the enhanced their wellbeing and social skills and you can see that people enjoy it when they come in."

The project is based on the school's year-4 topic of the Stuarts. The children have learnt leaps and bounds with their confidence. As the project has developed, about the design of the we managed to increase

The exhibition runs every day from 9am until 8pm until March 31.

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Pyle and Kenfig is the Welsh golf club of the year!

PYLE AND KENFIG has been recognised with the Golf Union of Wales golf club of the year award as they prepare to welcome some of the world's best senior players again this summer.

The Mid Glamorgan course will be a pre-qualifier for the Seniors British Open at Royal Porthcawl this summer, having earned plaudits from competitors in 2014, however there is much more to the club which helped them claim the prestigious title.

They were part of a very strong shortlist, which also included Bryn Meadows, Clyne, Lakeside, Garthmyl, former winners Langland Bay, Milford Haven and Penrann.

Pyle and Kenfig were shortlisted last year, with a lot of their ongoing initiatives helping them to earn the award as they came to fruition in 2016.

The last five years have seen one of the top courses in Wales become much more customer focussed, which has resulted in an increase of 65 new adult members across all categories, 47 new junior members almost half of whom were girls.

They also increased visitor fees by £10,000, invested £150,000 in the course, improved practice facilities, secured funding to develop a nine hole course, achieved the Golf Development Wales Junior GolfCert and delivered community outreach programmes.

The club's junior team won the Junior Inter Club Team Championship, while they co-hosted the Amateur Championship in 2016 and will host the Ladies British Open Amateur Championship this summer as well as the Senior Open qualifiers.

"It has been an incredible five years, almost a rollercoaster ride because we were desperate," admitted club captain Roger Parsons.

"We needed to do a lot of work so we developed the driving range, the



putting green and the practice area. We are building a nine hole golf course, we put a golf simulator in, improved the gents and ladies lockers rooms and generally have done the facade of the golf club.

"We improved everything so when people came they felt it was something special, somewhere they would want to be a member."

The junior set up is amazing. A year ago we had around 10-12 and they were the basis of the Welsh junior club team being looked after and nurtured - but we had nobody behind them; now these youngsters are being brought up with the Pyle and Kenfig badge and we have 80 youngsters now that we are nurturing and coaching.

"This is an historic award for us, the first time we have ever had the recognition, it is an accolade we are proud and privileged to achieve as a golf club. I am just lucky as I happen to be the captain this year, but the committee and everyone has worked tirelessly.

"We will get our golf flags branded with Welsh golf club of the year, everything we produce will include that, our website and so on, because we are so pleased."

Bridgend's Lydia Hall claimed the Golf Union of Wales Tour Professional of the Year Award after making history as the first woman to beat the men in a British professional golf tournament.

regain possession.

The Sports soon dominated play and they scored six first half tries.

Cian John controlled matters well from outside half, running to create space and then linking with forwards and backs to vary play well. Forwards Mackenzie Dent and Megan Lewis scored with the latter scoring a hat trick midway through the half with Cian John and speedster Tom Chick scoring for the backs.

Tyler Burton almost added the seventh but was hauled down inches short of the line. The Sports frequently sort to move the ball wide and when play broke down the forwards sustained attacks with strong driving runs with Chloe Gant always in the thick of things.

Top tacklers in the first half for the Sports were Bailey Llewellyn Hopkins, Callum Lewis, Ieuan Piliner, Tyron Davies and Will Ellis.

In the second half, Llantwit Major showed great conviction and put the Sports under early pressure as they began to get a little more control behind.

Unfortunately for them, they surrendered control when an alert Cian John intercepted a pass to race in from the half way line to secure the opening score.

Good work from the kick off, once again retrieved possession for the Sports to set Mason Balmer away on a charge

and Jodie Keane on a run down the wing, but a now more competitive Llantwit side stole the ruck ball.

The rain made an appearance to stifle the more ambitious play, inevitably, the ball was soon spilled and from an attacking scrum, Sports' Callum Lewis produced play, first feigning to go to the open side but then running to the blind, and he left the defence flat-footed to score the second try.

Harri Edmunds secured the third try of the half when he was put in space on the opposite wing, he raced away from the halfway line to score.

Llantwit Major attacked from the next kick off and looked to have found space down the opposite wing with only Sports player Iestyn John to beat.

Iestyn John is a player with the heart of a lion and he put in a try-saving tackle to prevent a certain score.

The final score of the game came when Sports outside half Cian John made a nice outside break before he linked with supporting player Dylan Morgan who had all the work to do to sustain the attack, he saw the opportunity for the line and he raced away on an arching run to score out wide to round off an excellent morning for the Sports.

With the squad progressing on to the 15-a-side game next season, the Sports are keen to build further numbers in their squad, new players are always welcome to join us in a great team environment. Please contact us by visiting our website, Facebook page or Twitter @SportsMiniRugby

Squad: Bailey Llewellyn Hopkins; Cadan Hayes; Callum Lewis; Chloe Gant; Cian John; Dylan Morgan; Harri Edmunds; Iestyn John; Ieuan Pilliner; Jodie Keane; Mackenzie Dent; Mason Balmer; Megan Lewis; Thomas Chick; Thomas Coles; Tyler Burton; Tyron Davies; Will Ellis.

SP



Welsh rugby stars attended the opening of the new garage.

Rugby stars launch new-look Oil4Wales garage

WELSH rugby stars past and present, helped celebrate a £200,000 investment in Oil 4 Wales' garage in Maesteg - by opening a round-the-clock fuel station, along with local children.

In attendance were former Welsh international rugby players Scott Quinnell and Daf Jones, together with current squad members Rob Evans, Ken Owens, Jonathan Davies, Dan Biggar, and Dan Lydiate.

The youngsters received goodie bags, hot drinks, sweets, and cakes and the chance to chat with their rugby heroes.

Managing director Mr Owens said: "Oil 4

Wales' long-term plan is was a pleasure to invite to remain a Welsh, family-run company for the benefit of the communities of Wales, and I hope the significantly improved facility will benefit the people of Maesteg - a town which has not seen much investment in recent years. As the national brand, Oil 4 Wales seek to invest in communities that need it most.

"Despite a tough financial year the company has recently experienced, which saw profits falling from £600,000 in 2015 to £12,000 in 2016, the customer base increased by 10,000 new customers, so it was decided to go ahead with the investment."

'Max Powell Rose Bowl' won by Glenda and Liam



BRIDGEND Bridge Club chairman, on the right, presenting The Max Powell Rose Bowl to Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan on winning the event on Friday, March 3.

Who wants to build what and where?

One Stop Store - **Heol Fach, North Cornelly** - Proposed new signage.

Mr Derek Hobbs - **26 Ysbyryd-y-Coed, Penyfai** - Crown reduction of

three sycamores and a salix caprea

along the border with neighbour's garden.

Mr Martin Jones - **3 Laing Street, Kenfig Hill** - Porch extension to

from elevation, with ramped access

and platform for registered disabled person.

Mr Lyndon Evans - **Woodlands, 10 Heol Glynpandy, Llangeinor** -

Demolition of existing detached garage, construction of new garage

attached to bungalow, with room in

roof space above. All finishes to

match existing, ridge line of garage

reduce to 300mm below existing.

Ward Jones (Bridgend) Ltd - **Land off Horsefaei Road, Waterton Industrial Estate, Bridgend** -

Approval of details required by conditions 10 and 11 of P/164.472/FUL.

Mrs Tracey Lee - **33 Wyndham Street, Evanstown** - Three storey

rear extension.

Mr Gareth King - **18 Alma Road, Maesteg** - Single storey kitchen

extension to rear and porch to main gable elevation.

Mr and Mrs Alun Williams - **48 Beach Road, Newton, Porthcawl** -

Ground floor rear extension, first

floor side extension and minor

alterations to existing dwelling.

Ogmore AM says 'Stamp out violence in rugby'

THE Ogmore Labour AM, Huw Irranca-Davies, is calling for 'role models' to play a part in helping reduce occasional outbursts of violence in sports like rugby and football.

The Ogmore AM said at the National Assembly that sport has many 'upsides'.

He added: "I wonder if we can

find time for a statement on the issue of sport and behaviour, both on the sports field and off, following the unfortunate coverage of the on-field brawl during a rugby match during the weekend.

"As somebody who's followed and even played rugby as a hooker as a youngster, and come off the worst end of some of the dark arts at the bottom of a scrum or on a touchline, I do understand the passions.

"But when they boil over into anger or even into brawls, not only on the field, but I've often seen it as well unfortunately sometimes on the touchlines when it gets too heated.

"It would be good to find a debate for that so that we could discuss that, the role of role models on the field, the role models of parents and spectators, but also to discuss the role of the governing bodies, such as the WRU and the FAW and others.

"This is exceptional, but, where it does happen, we need to speak out against it and make sure it doesn't happen again."



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Welsh winners of English Speaking Union's contest head for Gielgud Theatre



Some of the winners and highly commended pupils with Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards – Benjamin Morden, Jodie Norman and Manon Formaggio from King Henry VIII, Abergavenny, Wyatt Butcher from Brynteg Comprehensive, Bridgend, and Ashton Williams from Ysgol Bryn Tawe, Swansea.

THE Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama was the venue, in February, for the fourth Wales final of the English Speaking Union's 'Performing Shakespeare' competition.

The competition is aimed at students aged 11-14 and entry is via video presentations, which are viewed and judged before drawing up a shortlist of those to progress to the Wales final.

Twelve students from the 25 submissions were selected to perform 'live' to an audience of teachers, parents and ESU members, who were treated to an afternoon of unforgettable entertainment.

The three judges had the unenviable task of selecting two winning performances to go forward to the UK final, which will be held in the Gielgud Theatre in London on March 21.

Derek Morgan, chairman of the south Wales branch of the English Speaking Union, thanked Ena Davies for coordinating the competition on behalf of the branch.

Ed sets up a treasure hunt for Amelia Trust!



ED FELIX, a year-10 pupil at Cardiff High School, recently set up a treasure hunt to raise funds for the Amelia Trust Farm.

Ed, who volunteers in the farm café, was inspired by the work of the farm to set up the fundraiser as part of his Welsh Baccalaureate Community Challenge.

He started volunteering at the farm in February, and decided it would be a perfect place to hold a treasure hunt.

Ed then wrote to some local businesses and organisations requesting prize donations. He developed a series of clever clues that led participants to hunt for letters that, when rearranged, spelt out a word. Participants then

entered their completed sheets into a prize draw.

All participants paid an entry fee for the treasure hunt and all the proceeds raised have been given to the farm to help us continue the important work we do supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged young people.

Ed is keen that other people take the initiative and do some fundraising for the Amelia Trust Farm and he hopes that his story will inspire others to follow in his footsteps.

If you have been inspired by Ed's story, and would like to fundraise for Amelia Trust Farm, email general@ameliatrust.org.uk or telephone 01446 782030.

JO WHITFIELD

Regional AM helps keep focus on World Kidney Day

Paul Popham Fund



Andrew RT Davies with Joanne Popham of the Paul Popham Fund.

Joanne Popham from the Paul Popham Fund, was recently joined by regional AM and Leader of the Welsh Conservatives Andrew RT Davies to promote World Kidney Day – and focus on the importance of reducing the risk of kidney disease.

It currently affects over 3 million people in the UK – but up to a million of these are undiagnosed. Urging Vale residents to do all they can to reduce the risk, Mr Davies said it was important to regularly monitor blood pressure and have kidney function tested.



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TONDU ARE ON THE VERGE OF PROMOTION AFTER FINE VICTORY!



Nathan Strong gets in amongst it for Tondu.
ALL PICTURES BY GARETH ANTHONY.



Jake Lewis.

THIS game will probably be one that sealed the title for Tondu, but it was by no means an easy ride against Morriston.

They came up against a side that were intent on making a game of it, and it was the home side that opened the scoring after 13 minutes when full back Rhodri Jones sailed over to finish a fine attack, wingman Chris Shill adding the extra points.

But it wasn't long before the visitors were level, a quick throw-in in midfield resulted in a flowing movement that saw full back Matthew Murphy sailing over in the opposite corner, Josh Tatchell added the conversion and then two penalties to give Tondu a 13-7 half-time advantage.

The second period started with a wake up

call for the league leaders, after some poor tackling second row Chris Gorvet smashed his way over for a deserved try, and Shill converted to put Morriston into a 14-13 lead.

Shill then added a penalty for the home side before a dominant Tondu pack finally got their rewards, with two five-metre scrums leading to two well-taken tries for veteran No 8 Nathan Strong.

The final quarter largely belonged to Tondu and perhaps they should have sealed a bonus point, but it was a Josh Tatchell penalty that finally made the game safe.

Tondu now travel to Aberavon Green Stars after the international break and seem destined to bounce straight back to Division One.

MIKE SULLY

Pencoed Phoenix dig deep to hold out Barry ladies' onslaught



THIS was an outstanding, well-fought game between Pencoed Phoenix and Barry RFC ladies, and it went down to the wire.

In the dying minutes Barry kept battling to win and a kick in front of posts, which would have given them victory, was missed.

Phoenix dug deep to hold onto the two point lead and were held in the own 22, for most of the last stages of the game, holding on for a final score of 28-26.

Try scorers were Charlie Mundy (lady of match), Leanne Burnell with two tries, and also lady of match, and Amie Stevens, with a conversion by Rhian Noakes.

Young Phoenix players Amber Carmody and Laura Keeble are showing their skills, fitting into senior rugby and are a great asset to the senior squad.

The next game for the Phoenix is against Seven Sisters on Sunday, March 20, and promises to be an epic encounter.

Congratulations to Pencoed Phoenix under-18s' Ospreys girls Megan Griffiths, Jade Thomas, Caitlin Jones, Megan Whittaker and Caitlyn Smith, who won 53-0 against North Wales RFC - well done.

The under-15 Phoenix were 36-7 winners against Whitland.

All are welcome to join the Pencoed Phoenix - we have sides at under-15s, under-18s and senior womens' level who have produced a number of Welsh caps.

JH

Rhian Noakes. ALL PICTURES BY JULIE HANCOCK



Zoe Reeves.



One of the ladies of the match, Leanne Burnell.

Pencoed pupils tumble into first place!



MAISIE DODD and Romy Bowen are two Year 7 pupils that attend Pencoed Comprehensive School belong to Capital Gymnastic club in Cardiff.

They have both been doing artistic gymnastics for several years. They have however recently started the new discipline of tumbling.

They entered their first ever tumbling competition at the end of February and came first as a team!

This is a fantastic achievement for the girls.

THE results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club are:

Wednesday, March 8: First, Steve Burgoyne and Tony Disley; Second, Debbie and Simon Richards; Equal Third, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones & Bill Turner and Linda Pinnock. The winners on Handicap were Irene Thomas and Graham Jones.

Thursday, March 9: Equal First, Eileen Mahoney and Geoff Barnett & Stuart Davies and Glyn Williams; Third, Steve Burgoyne and Martin Brawn. The winners on Handicap were Steve Burgoyne and Martin Brawn.

Friday, March 10: First, Jenny Vaughan and Irene Thomas; Second, Bill Turner and Gareth Jenkins; Third, John Henson and Dian Jones. The winners on handicap were Eileen

Mahoney and Geoff Barnett.

Regular club nights take place at Nolton Church Hall on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7pm - it helps if players arrive 10 minutes early to ensure a prompt start.

On Thursday afternoons, again at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle session at 2pm. Advice is available on the bidding and master points awarded.

Lessons for beginners take place on Thursday mornings at 11.30am and there is usually a seminar for improvers at 1.30pm.

For further details about the club please contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968, John Evans on 01656 880372 or David Newman on 01656 649138.

DN

Athletic record double over Sisters

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC recorded another seasonal double away to Dowlais Valley side Seven Sisters.

Their bonus point, five-try 33-15 victory did not quite emulate their 51-5 nine-try home victory last October, but with a largely inexperienced back division on this occasion it was very important for confidence for the team's future.

It moved them to third in the table, just one point adrift of Aberavon Quins who they host on March 25.

The Athletic executed their game plan to exert early forward dominance and should have gone ahead in the second minute when lock Chris John's scoring pass to his second-row partner Jonathon Stoker was spilled with the try line a few metres away.

The Athletic dominated the first quarter territorially and it was ironic their opening try came from Sisters' first excursion into the Athletic 22.

A Chris John tackle knocked the ball from his opponent's hands. Flanker Johnny Howard was on hand to pick up the loose ball and make ground to halfway before releasing speedy wing Mike Powell to run in under the posts from 50 metres. Outside half Luke Bevan converted.

Two minutes later wing Liam Phillips also showed his pace intercepting on his own 10 metre line handing off a would be tackler and outpacing the chasing home defence to touch down in the corner. Bevan added an excellent touchline conversion to put the Athletic 14-0 ahead.

Seven Sisters' outside half Jack O'Reilly responded with a penalty following a high tackle. The Athletic went straight back on the attack and forward thrusts from Matt Muir, Ben Howe and Griff Davies tied in the Sisters' defence, so when the ball was released by scrum half Aled Thomas to outside half Bevan, the youngster spotted a half gap and crossed near the posts. He converted his own try to extend the lead to 21-3.

Seven Sisters' big back and outside half O'Reilly put a grubber kick behind the Athletic defence for centre

Kyle Davies to win the race to touch down. O'Reilly's conversion reduced his side's deficit to 21-10.

Good play from centres Tom Jenkins and normal No 8 Stuart Edbrook playing out of position set up a five metre Athletic line out. Chris John took the line out throw in for the forwards to set up a driving maul which resulted in hooker Lee Murphy's third try in two games from this ploy.

It also handed the Athletic a bonus point for their fourth try of the match and a healthy 26-10 half-time lead.

In the second period Aled Thomas and Stuart Edbrook both made decisive breaks which only desperate defence kept out.

Eventually lock Chris John was held up metres from the line. Scrum half Thomas ran wide from the maul and fed prop Nathan Holman who ran an excellent well timed inside line to cross wide out. He also scored a try in the earlier home fixture.

Bevan converted to stretch the lead to 33-10. The Athletic brought on replacements Ben Cording, Jacob David and Matt Norman. Norman shored up the scrum against a heavy home pack and was excellent in the loose.

Sisters reverted to a tight game with kicking for position. Full back Nick Jones aided by Thomas were up to the task of dealing with this aerial threat. The home side also played for pride before a large support and were rewarded late on with a try from John Hapgood from a five-metre driving line out.

Team manager Paul Hearne said: "It was a good all round team performance and was particularly pleasing that five players stepping up from the second XV fully played their part in the win."

The Athletic play Ammanford this Friday night, March 17, at the Bridgend Ford Brewery Field looking to avenge their first defeat of the season back in October, before hosting Aberavon Quins at Newbridge Fields on Saturday March, 25.

AB

Cefn Cribwr win penalty shootout to advance in cup

CEFNL CRIBWR came in the shape of entertained visitors home team's playmaker Dan Jenkins who cleverly beat the FC Cwmaman in the quarter finals of travelling keeper and slotted the ball home. Cup.

The lead didn't last long when a through ball was latched onto by Cwmaman's striker, who reshuffling the pack. The visitors started brightly and in the early exchanges either side could have taken the lead and the telling pressure told when a goalmouth scramble ended with the ball finding its way into the net.

The breakthrough

started with Cefn having the lions' share of possession but failing to find the net.

A change of formation proved to be a master stroke when an equaliser came from captain Tom Harris with a few minutes left to play, which saw the tie go into extra time.

The home side looked in full control when they took the lead with a second goal from captain Tom Harris. As expected the visitors threw caution to the wind and came up trumps with a goal on the stroke of full time to send the game into penalties.

The shootout was the stage for home goalkeeper and hero for the day Richard Jones, who saved every penalty to send the home side through.

The reserve team won 7-1 away to FC Maesteg and the development team won 5-1 away at Garw which rounded a fantastic day for the club.

The club would like to thank David Williams of DWEPC Electrical and Plumbing for being match day sponsor and also like to thank the supporters for turning up in droves yet again.

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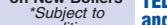
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on 21st February 2017, aged 64

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LEGG
Edwin Andrew

Peacefully on 9 March at Springbank Nursing Home, Barry, Edwin Andrew, aged 92 years.

Previously of Orchard House and Dunraven Street, Barry. Beloved husband of the late Sylvia May, dearly loved father of Stephen, John, Linda and father in law of Leza. Cherished grandfather of Yousef, Ranya, Geraldine, Elliot, Marlon and great grandfather of Tiana and Sofi.

Edwin will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry where flowers may be sent until the funeral on Thursday, March 23.

Service in the chapel at 11am, afterwards cremation at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium Port Road East, Barry.

COYLE
Miller JamesTragically on 5th March 2017 at the University Hospital of Wales, in the arms of his loving parents, Miller, aged 15, adored son of Derrick and Sarah, big brother of Mikey and Mac, devoted grandson of Jan and Keith Richards. *Losing Miller will leave a huge hole in the lives of his family and many friends*

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WHITELEGG
William

Peacefully on March 3, 2017, Bill aged 84 years, beloved husband of the late Eileen, much loved father of Paul and Helen, cherished Gramps and Bobo to all his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Bill will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, Llanwit Major, until the funeral service at St Illtyds Church on Friday, March 24 at 1.30pm, followed by interment at Boverton Cemetery. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if so desired, for the RNLI c/o the funeral director.**SMITH**
John

Peacefully at UHW Cardiff on March 9, John of St Athan - having won a number of battles, this one got the better of him. He will be greatly missed by his wife Sue, his siblings Josie, Jane, Peter, Albert, Joan, Janet and Tony, his extended family and all his friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. A Celebration of his life will be at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Wednesday, March 22 at 3pm.

Family flowers only please, and donations to Cancer Research Wales c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhosne, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3DZ.

LEGG
Edwin Andrew

Peacefully on 9 March at Springbank Nursing Home, Barry, Edwin Andrew, aged 92 years.

Previously of Orchard House and Dunraven Street, Barry. Beloved husband of the late Sylvia May, dearly loved father of Stephen, John, Linda and father in law of Leza. Cherished grandfather of Yousef, Ranya, Geraldine, Elliot, Marlon and great grandfather of Tiana and Sofi.

Edwin will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry where flowers may be sent until the funeral on Thursday, March 23.

Service in the chapel at 11am, afterwards cremation at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium Port Road East, Barry.

RAMSAY
John Charles

Passed away suddenly on 1st March in Winchester, Hampshire. Formerly of Zimbabwe and South Africa.

Sadly missed by his fiancee and family.

Currently resting at Park Funeral Directors until his service on 21st March, 11am at St Athan Church, St Athan.

EVANS
Irene (Rene)

Peacefully on 12th March 2017 with her daughters by her side. Much loved mum of Lorraine, Maria, Lynfa Gillian and son-in-laws. Sadly missed by her grandchildren, great grandchildren and her brothers and sister. Currently resting at Park Independent Funeral Home until the service on Thursday, 23rd March, 12pm at St Helen's, followed by committal at Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park at 1pm. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers, if desired, to be given to Age Concern.

SEWELL
Noreen Bernadette
(Née Maidment)

Peacefully on March 10th at Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth surrounded by her loving family - Noreen, well known for her love of Barry Town FC and regularly seen walking her dog Sid and recently Freddie. Much loved mum of Donna, Natalie and Scott. Cherished mum-in-law to Darran. An adored nan of Kieran and Kelsey, loving sister of Liam, John and their wives Diane and Karen.

Noreen will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resting in the private chapel of The Vale Funeral Service, Barry until her service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Monday, March 27th at 11am. Family floral tributes only - donations if desired may be made at the service (where Marie Curie Daffodil badges will be available) or via

Noreen's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk where you are also welcome to leave your personal messages. All donations received to support the work of Marie Curie Hospice in memory of Noreen.

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Gerrard Steven

Peacefully at home on 12th March 2017 surrounded by his family, Gerrard, aged 64 years. Beloved husband of Lynsey, much loved dad of Miles and Digger (Adam).

Gerrard will be deeply missed by all his family and friends. The family would also like to add that the strength, unconditional love and support that he gave to them at all times, even throughout his final days, will be treasured forever.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at All Saints Church on Friday, 24th March at 2pm, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home or donations in lieu, if so desired, would be gratefully appreciated for Velindre Hospital c/o the funeral director.

HARVEY
Gerrard Steven

Dearly beloved son to Sheila and the late Fred, brother to Lynette and Anthony and uncle to Amy and Georgia.

Your courage and strength are an inspiration to your family and all those that love you, sleep peacefully, forever in our hearts, good night and god bless from us all.

Acknowledgements

JONES
Anthony (Tony)

The family of the late Tony would like to thank everyone for their kindness, sympathy and support for him over the last three months in which he fought with great courage, humour and dignity.

We thank all the doctors and nursing staff at CITU for their professionalism in caring for him. Special thanks to Mr. Rahman for the tireless efforts and encouragement he gave us all.

Heartfelt thanks to Canon Pat O'Gorman for his service and help. Special thanks to all who travelled long distances to show their affection and respect to Tony. To Bryan Mote for driving us at all times of day or night, and to all who visited us at this very sad time and sent sympathy cards. Also to those who generously donated to Cardiac Unit U.H.W. Heath Park, c/o Mrs.L.Barrett. Thanks to Robert at A G Adams Funeralcare, and also Hilary West for the beautiful floral tributes.



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BRAUND
William (Bill)

Peacefully on 12 March at College Fields Nursing Home, Barry. William (Bill), aged 92 years, of Barry, known for walking with his two Westey dogs Morgan and Toby. Dearly loved husband of Joyce. Loving father of Susan and father-in-law of the late John. Devoted grandfather of Richard, Kate and her partner Andrew. Dear brother of Marion and the late Bert.

Bill will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Wednesday, 22 March. Funeral service and committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry, where family and friends please meet at 2pm. Family flowers only, if desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Alzheimers and Dogs Trust.

Anniversaries

Golden Wedding**Garrison**
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love Nan & Bamp
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TUTTON
Barbara (Babs)

Suddenly at home on March 11th - Babs, cherished mum of Richard and Joanne. Loving mother-in-law to Samantha and Ben. An adored nan to Jake and Daniel, loving sister to Loris.

She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Babs is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Barry until her service at Cadoxton Methodist Church, Barry on Tuesday, 28th March at 10.45am, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium.

All are welcome to leave their personal messages and memories via Bab's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk
Flowers may be sent to the Funeral Home.

SUMNER
Elizabeth

Passed away peacefully on 8th March at Y Brynwyd Newydd, Elizabeth of Severn Road, Porthcawl. Beloved wife of Neil, dearly loved mother of Katie and Dafydd, stepmother of Alice, sister to John, aunt to Adam and James, great aunt to Harri, Summer, Miles, Isabelle and Max.

Sadly missed by her family and friends.

Resting at David Wilde Chapel of Rest Mawdlam until the funeral on Monday, 20th March. Service at All Saints Church Porthcawl at 10.30am, followed by interment at Porthcawl Cemetery.

Donations in lieu, if desired, to Cancer Research UK C/O Brian Thomas Funeral Director, 01656 740070.

BARTLETT
Lilian Jean (Jean)

Peacefully after a short time at Llandough Hospital, Jean sadly passed away. Well known for her time working at Dan Evans coffee shop, Barry. Devoted wife of the late Leslie, much loved mum of David and Susan, cherished nan and great nan to all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Jean will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting @ The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until a celebration of her life at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Friday, 24th March at 2pm. Floral tributes are welcome to be sent via the funeral home. Further enquiries contact Lyndsay Ellis 01446 407962.

**Birthday
Memories****HOPKINS**
Audrey
Patricia

17th March, 2016

A year has passed since we said goodbye, but not a moment have we forgotten your beautiful smile.

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Dawn, Rob, Caz, Gem and Chloe xxx

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To whom it may concern: I Leanne Johns do hereby give notice that I have applied to the Licensing Authority (Vale of Glamorgan Council) for the grant of a premises licence at Ty Teilo, Llandow, Vale of Glamorgan, CF71 7NT, known as Ty Teilo. The application is to: sell alcohol online. Any persons wishing to make representations to this application may do so by writing to the Senior Licensing Officer, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU, not later than 28 days from and including the date of this notice (as below). Representations received after this date will not be considered. A copy of the application can be viewed at the Licensing Authority's address during normal office hours. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with this application. The maximum fine on summary conviction being £5,000. Signed: L Johns Date: 6th March, 2017

**NOTICE OF MAKING OF AN ORDER
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN
COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 12 PENARTH
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER
2017)****HYSBYSIAD GWNEUD GORCHYMYN
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The above Order, made on 2 February 2017, under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980, will divert the public footpath to the southwest of Cwrt Ty Mawr from a line running in a west south westerly direction from NGR 317003 170662 to Sully Road (NGR 316848 170600) to a line running in a westerly direction from NGR 317003 170662 to Sully Road (NGR 316816 170671) as shown on the Order map.

A copy of the Order and the Order may have been placed and may be seen free of charge at The Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at the price of £4.50.

Any representations about or objections to the Order may be sent in writing to the Head of Regeneration and Planning, Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT not later than 13 April 2017. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, The Vale of Glamorgan Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed order. If the Order is sent to the Welsh Ministers for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

Dated this 16 March 2017

Bydd y Gorchymyn uchod, wedi'i wneud ar 2 Chwefor 2017, dan Adran 119 Diddorff Prifyrdd 1980, yn dargyfeirio'r llwybr cyhoeddus i dde-orllewin Cwrt Ty Mawr o linell sy'n rhedeg tua'r de-orllewin o NGR 317003 170662 i Sully Road (NGR 316848 170600) i linell sy'n rhedeg tua'r orllewin o NGR 317003 170662 i Sully Road (NGR 316816 170671) fel y dangosir ar fap y Gorchymyn.

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Gellir anfon unrhyw sylwadau am eu wrthwnebiadau at y Gorchymyn yn ysgrifennu at Penrhith Awdyfwi a Chynllunio, Swyddfa'r Dociau, Heol yr Isffordd, Y Barri, Bro Morgannwg, CF63 4RT nid wrthwyr ariannol i'w gweud.

Os na ddaw unrhyw sylwadau na wrthwnebiadau i law, heu'n casnt eu tynnu'n ôl, caiff Cyngor Bro Morgannwg gadarnhau'r Gorchymyn fel un nas wrthwnebiar. Os anfonir y Gorchymyn ar Weiniogion Cymru i'w gadarnhau, caiff unrhyw sylwadau neu wrthwnebiadau das tynnwyd yn ôl eu hanfon a'r Gorchymyn.

Dyddiedig 16 Mawrth 2017

**CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG
DEDDF LLYWODRAETH LEOL 1972
ADRAN 122 (2A) TIR GERLLAW CANOLFAN
HAMDDEN HOLM VIEW**

Rhoddir HYSBYSIAD drwy hyn bod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg yn bwriadu meddianu tir priodol sydd ag ardal o tua 944 m² gerllaw Canolfan Hamdden Holm View, Y Barri ac sydd ar hyn o bryd dan reolaeth Adran Amgylchedd a Thaif y Cyngor fel ardal amwyr / man agored at ddilbenion hamdden, I Adran Dai y Cyngor at ddibenion datblygu tai.

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Rhaid i wrthwnebiadau i'r meddiant gael eu gwneud yn ysgrifenedig, gan nodi sail y wrthwnebiadau a'u cyfeirio at Bennaeith y Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol (cyl C13-1018) yn y cyfeiriad a nodir isod erbyn 23 Mawrth 2017.

Gyda golwg ar Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol (Mynediad i Wybodaeth) 1985 rhoddir gwylod i bersonau sy'n wrthwnebu'r cynnig fod y Cyngor hwn yn gorff gwneud unrhyw sylwadau a dderbynnir mewn ymateb i'r cynnig ar gael i'r cyhoedd edrych arnynt.

Gellid i'r cyhoedd i'r 9 Mawrth 2017.

D. Marles
Pennal Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
Swyddfeidd Dinesig,
Heol Holttwn, Y Barri,
CF63 4RU

**THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN
COUNCIL****LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SECTION
122 (2A) LAND ADJACENT TO HOLM VIEW
LEISURE CENTRE**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council intends to appropriate land having an area of approximately 944 m² adjacent to Holm View Leisure Centre, Barry and which is currently under the control of the Council's Environment and Housing Department as an amenity/open space area for leisure purposes, to the Council's Housing Department for housing development purposes.

A plan identifying the land may be examined at the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry during normal office hours.

Objections to the intended appropriation must be made in writing, stating the grounds for such objections and addressed to Head of Legal Services (re C13-1018) at the address stated below by no later than 23rd March 2017.

Persons objecting to the proposal are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposal open to public inspection.

Dated this 9th day of March 2017

D. Marles
Head of Legal Services
Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices
Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU

Wishing my bundle of lusness
Jake Cancelliere
A fab 21st birthday
Enjoy your party!!
Love you infinity
and beyond,
Mum, Fran and Ffion-Rose
xxx



TITLE DELIGHT FOR PENARTH HOCKEY CLUB'S FIRSTS!

ONE week on from the third XI having their promotion from De Cymru 3 confirmed, Penarth Hockey Club were able to celebrate another notable achievement as the first XI secured not only promotion from Conference North, but also their second consecutive GoCrea8 League divisional title.

PENARTH 3,

FIREBRANDS 'A' 2
There was plenty on the line as Penarth welcomed the famous hockey name of Firebrands to the Bears Den at Stanwell on Saturday, knowing that a single point from the top-of-the-table clash would be enough to secure a second successive promotion.

Firebrands enjoyed the majority of possession early on, moving the ball around the defence and midfield with purpose as they pushed hard for the early opener that had marked the teams' first meeting. Penarth, however, showed great discipline and shape as they navigated the early storm without any major scares.

As the half drew on, the Bears were happy for Firebrands to have the ball as it was their own pace on the counter-attack that started to swing the game in their favour.

Having already created chances for the home side, one such break down the right caused panic in the visitors' D, resulting in a penalty corner that Laith El-Khatib despite with pinpoint accuracy from the top of the D' into the bottom right corner.

With Penarth tails up, Firebrands began to struggle with the pace of the home side's attacks, and the Bears went for the kill before the half was out. Again, the high tempo down the right flank caused the damage,

as Penarth worked their way into the visitors' D and committed the on-rushing keeper before slipping the ball to El-Khatib to fire in his second at the back post.

Penarth were not finished there either, with one last penalty corner before the half-time whistle giving Ben Croxall the chance to step up to convert for a commanding 3-0 lead at the break.

Despite the scoreline, it was clear from the restart that the experienced Firebrands team were not about to capitulate, and they continued to play quality hockey. As the visitors again began by moving the ball around, Penarth remained disciplined and well-organised as they looked to sit on their three-goal lead.

The tactic, however, proved to be costly as Firebrands were finally grabbing the opening goal midway through the half. Phil Lane added to his season's impressive tally of assists by driving through midfield and finding Dave Kidby, who slipped the ball through the keeper's legs to break the deadlock.

The half ended with the Bears still 1-0 up, but knowing they had their goalkeeper Adam Puto make it 3-2 with plenty of time on the clock.

As time ticked by without the visitors finding a third goal, however, the Bears

began to settle down and manage the situation as they moved away from playing on the counter and began to hold possession to see out the clock.

Gradually, the game started to turn back in the hosts' favour and, with no further goals for either side, they were able to secure a hard-fought 3-2 win and secure promotion as champions.

With two games remaining on their Conference North schedule, Penarth can now enjoy an extended

lap before coming from Lane, who ground running and took an early lead from a well-temporary ease the Bears' nerves by smashing home a volley from the top of the D' after good build-up work from Andy Strong and Rich Baker.

Now two goals down, Neath responded by pushing more men forward, determined to repeat the share of the spoils they had achieved against promotion-chasing Swansea City the week before.

With three minutes to go, Neath converted a well-worked penalty corner routine to make it 3-2 and ensure a tense finish.

The home side had one final chance to equalise, but Davison again made a crucial challenge at the penalty corner to see out the danger and ensure Penarth came away with the win.

PENARTH 'B'4, GWENT 'B'2

The thirds opened De Cymru 3 proceedings at Stanwell, hosting a Gwent side who they had lost to in the most recent reverse fixture a few weeks ago.

The Bears dominated possession and territory, but on their first significant piece of play, Gwent broke on the counter and scored through a fierce strike which gave goalkeeper Mark Harris no chance.

Following a very ragged 15 minute spell, the home side eventually restored parity, with skipper Dave Watkins levelling from a penalty corner to take the sides into the break on level terms.

It wasn't long into the second half before the home side started to win frequent penalty corners, the next of which ended with a Simon Wilkinson strike to make it 2-1.

A short corner resulted in a penalty flick, converted by Keir Vanner, and, while a rare Gwent attack brought the score back to 3-2 to set up for a nervous last 10 minutes for the hosts, nerves were soon calmed by the award of yet another penalty, again dispatched by Vanner to confirm a deserved 4-2 win for the Bears.

PENARTH 'C'2, SWANSEA CITY 'C'3

Despite their best endeavours, the 'C-Siders' were unable to make it four wins out of four for the club as they narrowly lost a fiercely-fought encounter with their Swansea City rivals.

The visitors hit the



Jordan Cotterill's free-kick was the difference as Barry Town United beat Cambrian and Clydach Vale 1-0 on Saturday. All pictures by SAME OLD SMITH PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO

Twin wins put Barry into pole position for promotion push

BARRY TOWN UNITED took a priceless six points from their two home fixtures this week, as the club's quest for the Welsh League Division One championship continued at Jenner Park.

On Saturday, an open and competitive match with Cambrian and Clydach Vale remained goalless until forward Jordan Cotterill dispatched a fine free-kick, helping the Town to a precious 1-0 win.

Then, a Tuesday night crowd of 362 saw Barry defeat title challengers Haverfordwest County 2-0, with Louis Gerrard finishing off an intrepid individual run for their first, before showing sublime skill to set up TJ Nagi; the club's leading goalscorer heading home the decisive second.

Haverfordwest travelled to Jenner Park unbeaten in the league since October, but after losing out in a unique pre-match stand-off, the Bluebirds were unable to crack the Barry defence, with goalkeeper Mike Lewis helping himself to a third consecutive clean sheet.



Saturday's game was a hard-fought and close affair.

The pair of victories helped the Town move four points clear at the top of the division and travel to Taffs Well in a 2.30pm kick-off, while to beloved Barry t h i r d - p l a c e d supporter Noreen Sewell, Haverfordwest host bottom of the table Risca United and second-placed Goytre make the short trip to Monmouth with cancer.

A familiar face at Jenner Park and games across the region, Barry Town paid its respects with a minute's silence before the Cambrian match, with a four points clear of Goytre and six of Haverfordwest, with each of the top four sides having completed 22 fixtures, Barry's haul of 47 league points sees them stand with a four points clear of Goytre and six of Haverfordwest, with a third consecutive clean sheet. reflecting the high

Vale of Glamorgan Football League news round-up

The ASRS and Dockers Cups took centre stage this weekend as the competitions reached the semi-final stage.

In the ASRS Cup Vale United's bid for the treble continued as they edged out St Athan 3-2 with an own goal, Dan Hanson and Alex Gregory sending the league leaders into the final.

They will play Cowbridge Town who went all the way to penalties against Rhoose, Town coming out victorious in the shoot out to go to Jenner Park on April 30.

In the Dockers Cup, Barry Saints demolished Island Marine B 6-1. David Evans bagged a hat trick including a 40 yard thunderbolt free kick, Joss Davies (2) Joey Matthews adding the others.

That set up a final that will please the neutrals, as league leaders Cadoxton Imps pipped Rhoose B 1-0.

The last outstanding Supporters cup quarter-final was also played with Pumas winning a thriller 4-3 against Cadoxton Athletic.

Only three league fixtures were

played this weekend. In Division One Barry Belgrave thumped Glenbrook a massive 11-1 to go eight points behind leaders Barry Athletic B with two games in hand.

In Division Two, Penarth Town B thrashed bottom side Pumas B 6-1, Morgan Hayman (2), Simon Fairhurst (2), Nathan Bousie and McCauley Winton scored the goals that send Town B to within three points of second and seven points of top.

Finally, BVFC got their first win in five league games as they were victorious away to St Athan B 3-1.

This week's games of the day see St Athan represent the Vale in the quarter-finals of the SWFL Intermediate Cup against Nelson Cavaliers.

In the league Rhoose host Vale United in a second vs first clash, Cogan vs Pumas and another top of the table clash as Cadoxton Imps play Barry Saints.

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Champion Lee gives talk on career so far



Picture by Liam Hartery.

LEE SELBY, IBF Featherweight world champion, was in his stride entertaining the audience on Friday, March 10, with co-speaker Enzo Maccarinelli, former WBO Cruiserweight champion, regaling stories of their illustrious boxing careers, as Nicky Piper and former Commonwealth light heavyweight champion interviewed them both.

The audience enjoyed their boxing tales in an event that also saw the auctioning of boxing memorabilia in aid of George Thomas Hospice Care in Cardiff, of which Nicky is the fundraising manager - you can support this charity through the website <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Nicky-Piper>.

Bidding went well as the audience snapped up items such as a signed Mike Tyson photo and Frank Bruno glove, as well as a Jack Dempsey boxing glove and photo to name but a few!

Lee will be supporting a key charity, A Fighting Chance for Dean Francis, a UK champion boxer and family man who has been diagnosed with cancer with only a year to live. To support this cause please visit Lee's Twitter page, @leeselby126.

Lee is looking to take on Carl Frampton in his next big fight, hopefully on home soil in Cardiff, in a fight that could potentially be an incredible show between two of Britain's brightest boxing talents.

CHRISTINA HARTERY

Glamorgan look to new season for success...

WITH the combined talents of Colin Ingram and Chris Cooke again available, Glamorgan should certainly improve on last season's poor championship performances and make an impact in one day cricket.

Ingram missed the entire championship season due to injury, while Cooke was also absent from mid-June onwards, though Ingram compensated with his outstanding form in one day competitions and was voted the T20 Blast player of the year.

The absence of Ingram and Cooke, allied to Jacques Rudolph's indifferent form throughout the summer, contributed to a meagre total of 34 batting points, while Glamorgan lost games by their inability to post substantial first innings total, and to chase moderate targets in the final innings.

There should be no shortage of runs this year, especially if Glamorgan's younger brigade can emulate the feats of last season, when they were given their opportunities due to the

absence of two senior batsmen.

Aneurin Donald (19), struck a remarkable 234 at Colwyn Bay, Kiran Carlson, a year younger, and Owen Morgan, scored maiden centuries while Lukas Carey, another Welsh born player took seven wickets on his championship debut.

David Lloyd, from north Wales, scored the first two centuries of his career and excelled as an opener in one day cricket, and with Nick Sellman, also with two 100s as an opener and Will Bragg, a dependable No.3, there will be plenty of competition for batting place.

With such an array of young talent, no one would disagree with coach Robert Croft's assessment of last season as "disappointing but encouraging".

Glamorgan are poised to sign the South African seamer Marchant De Lange to complement the potent new ball attack of Michael Hogan and Timm Van Der Gugten, who, between them, bowled more than 950 overs in the championship last

EDWARD BEVAN

On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

COWBRIDGE'S Jeffrey Bird was delighted to see his nine-year-old bay gelding Repeat Business run out a convincing four lengths winner of the Men's Open race at the Currie & Llangibby Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases last Sunday.

Always in a handy position throughout, Repeat Business who is trained by Mr Bird's brother-in-law former leading rider Jonathan Tudor at Merthyr Mawr, was ridden by Richard Patrick who said:

"Repeat Business has improved a lot since winning over the course last month and he did it very nicely." Mr Bird said: "I was very pleased with the way he ran and I will have to sit down with Jonathan to decide where we go next."

Repeat Business beat Sir Du Bear who was ridden by James Bowen who had celebrated his 16th birthday earlier in the day by winning the opening members' race - his very first ride in a point-to-point - on Indian Leader trained by his brother Michael Bowen.

He later made it a day to really remember when winning the first division of the open maiden race on his brother's Deadly Move which won by three lengths from the pacemaking Blue Tinker partnered by Byron

Moorecroft.

Six went to post for the Ladies' Open race and Ally Sterling on Mr

and Mrs William

Rucker's 12-year-old Get It On drew away in the closing stages to beat the favourite recent course winner Hold Court ridden by Isabel Williams by three lengths with Tony Star ridden by Jodie Hughes a further 10 lengths in Northamptonshire.

David Lange, who has

played two games for

South Africa and

featured in the IPL, will

strengthen the pace attack which should prosper through the combined talents of three experienced seamers, supplemented by Graham Wagg and Craig Meschede.

The club will host four

Champions Trophy

games, including a semi-final this summer, as well as a T20 encounter between England and South Africa.

The ground celebrates its 50th anniversary, while 20 years ago

Matthew Maynard led the club to their third championship title.

Further success would be welcomed, especially by chief executive Hugh Morris, who captained the club and played in the 1977 team.

EDWARD BEVAN

Elysee shines for Welsh netball team (and is named player of the tournament)

ELYSEE HAYWARD of CTK netball club, and a Welsh under-17 netball international, was part of an outstanding squad performance to secure the silver medal place at the recent Netball Europe competition.

Held in Belfast last weekend, with an initial nail biting game against Scotland ending in a well earned draw 59-59, Wales next faced a sharp England squad who won 67-37.

However Wales regrouped and held their nerve against Northern Ireland, winning convincingly 46-37. Due to their superior goal difference compared to Scotland, Wales returned home silver medal holders.

In addition, Elysee's individual brilliance was recognized when she

was named player of the tournament. It was a fantastic achievement and everyone at CTK, her home club, are extremely proud of not only her success, but also her hard work and dedication.

Elysee has played for CTK for eight years, at all age groups, and stepped into the adult world of netball aged only 13.

She is a regular member of CTK first team and plays for Cardiff High School and Cardiff and Vale County.

In 2014 Elysee was selected for Wales under-15s squad and has been in the under-17s squad for three seasons.

She is experienced beyond her years and has a bright future ahead of her, and we look forward to watching her progress through the Welsh performance pathway. Well done Elysee!

CW

Cowbridge RFC take the win in a real humdinger!

DESPITE their lowly league position, several of Old Penarthians matches this season have been close run affairs and last Saturday's encounter at the Athletic Field against Cowbridge RFC was no exception.

On a calm grey afternoon Cowbridge had a perfect start with an Alex Guard cross kick superbly chased by Tom James causing panic in the visitors' defence as Guard collected the loose ball to sprint over for a try with just two minutes to go.

Riding his nine-year-old bay mare Humber Mind, Edward showed the style his National Hunt trainer dad had when he finished ahead of Daniel Ellis, aged 12, who was riding Clear The Track. Elena Nikou, aged 13, riding her 12-year-old Dutchess finished third.

The 148cms and under pony race was won by Liam Harrison, aged 14, on Pacman who in a close finish beat Peateoah partnered by Bridgend's Connor Brace.

Hot Night, ridden by Merthyr Mawr's Jack Tudor, finished third.

COLORADO DOC

David Brace's

Colorado Doc, ridden by Bradley Gibbs,

landed the

Intermediate race at the East Devon Hunt Point-To-Point

Steeplechases last Saturday.

Colorado Doc, who is by the leading sire Dr Massini, had just two races last season and after winning first time out was a faller in the other race when going well.

It was now all minutes later.

Still Old Pens were not finished and with seconds to go scored their fourth try which their impressive full back converted.

The final score WAS: Cowbridge 35, Old Penarthians 29.

Although Cowbridge never looked like losing, all credit to Old Pens for battling to the end.

Maybe a little complacency set in after the outstanding first half, but it was still another important bonus point victory.

Cowbridge are now in fifth place with 41 points and with seven games still to play will be looking to move up the table over the next few weeks.

This Saturday, there is a possibility we might be home against Wattstown (early kick-off), in a game rearranged from a few weeks ago - contact the club on Thursday for confirmation.

There is plenty of rugby on show at the club with Scotland v Italy at 12.30pm, France v Wales at 2.45pm and Ireland v England at 5pm as the Six Nations draws to a close.

The following Saturday, we travel to Tonyrefail and on April 1, we are at home to Caerau Ely. RV/RK

BOOST FOR THE BARRY BEAVERS

RECENTLY, Barry Beavers Disabled Swimming Club received cash from Asda and the Community Chest, which was presented to the club recently.

It will help the club purchase new chairs for the chair hoist to help disabled swimmers in and out of the water during club sessions - and also for use at galas.

"The club would like to thank both Asda and Community Chest for their cheques as it is much appreciated and it'll help us greatly in the long run," a spokesperson said.

Nippers impress in Swansea!



THE Rhoose Lifeguard Nippers were up bright and early and headed for Wales National Pool Swansea for the Welsh Stillwaters last month.

Our team consisted of 54 nippers who all worked extremely hard in their individual races and as members of their teams.

Throughout the day there were some personal bests achieved, Welsh records broken and set, quite a few medals and many smiling faces. Our fabulous medal winners on the day were: Ava Wong – 3rd Flipper race, 2nd Board race; Connie Millar – 1st Flipper race, 1st Manikin carry, 2nd Board race; Xantia Hobrough – 2nd Flipper race, 2nd Manikin carry; Evie

Wong – 1st Flipper race, 2nd Board race; Elian Davies – 3rd Board race; Lena Davies – 3rd Board race; Ellie Bryan – 3rd Board race.

In the team events we also achieved gold in the girls 10 year Rescue Tube and Board Rescue, bronze in girls Medley Relay, 13 year Girls Board Rescue and 13 year Girls Board Relay.

During the day a few members achieved Welsh records, which is an amazing achievement.

Those that achieved these records are: Connie Millar - Flippers and Manikin; Xantia Hobrough - Flippers. Welsh records were also broken by Xantia Hobrough - Manikin, Evie Wong - Board and the Girls Medley Relay team.

VW

Cowbridge under elevens continue to impress

COWBRIDGE RFC under-11s travelled to Rhiwbina hoping to keep the momentum building from the good performances throughout this season.

Cowbridge faced a strong Rhiwbina side and started strongly with some good attacking play and probing runs keeping the hosts in their own 22.

All the work failed to pay out in the early phases of the game, with the hosts gaining two tries in quick succession on the counter attack in the closing period of the first half, although Cowbridge had three tries disallowed in the same period putting them somewhat on the back foot.

As the cliché goes, this was clearly a game of two halves, with halftime allowing the Cowbridge coaches to refine some needed tactical guidance, the visitors immediately came back strong in the second half.

Another excellent performance and turnout for Cowbridge under-11s who continue to impress.

BADMINTON SUCCESS FOR SCHOOL PUPILS

ON Wednesday, March 8, four girls from Cowbridge Comprehensive School year 8, Vivian Yip, Seren Burgum, Sian Cox and Freya Jolles, travelled to Sophia Gardens in Cardiff for the South Wales 5x60 badminton finals.

They played really well and just missed out on winning the tournament, competing against schools from Powys, Cardiff and Swansea. Congratulations on achieving second place.

Youthful Hebe wins hockey title for Christ College!

LLANCARFAN'S Hebe Thomas, a pupil of Christ College Brecon, was the heroine for their under-18 hockey team as she scored the winning penalty to win them the national schoolgirls' title.

Christ College faced Glyn Taf in the final, having had a nail-biting route through to this stage, and with the sides locked at 0-0 the final went to penalties and Hebe, with a deft flick of the stick, sent the ball into the goal to bring the trophy home, ending a successful season for the under-18s!

PLAYERS WANTED

LLANTWIT MAJOR RFC under-11s team are looking for new players and coaches.

The age group is current school year 6, and training takes place on Thursday nights, 6.30-7.45pm - for more information contact Melanie Griffiths on 07786 520274.

Llantwit Major bowls meeting

LLANTWIT MAJOR lady bowlers are notified that the pre-season meeting will be held in the clubhouse at 10.30am on March 24.

New members are welcome to come along to hear what it is all about, apologies to Carol Willmot, ladies secretary.

CW

Llantwit Major RFC back to winning ways

RUGBY was the winner in a sometimes niggling affair at the Recreation Ground as Llantwit beat St Albans 33-0, scoring five tries in this league encounter which was also acting as their last game in qualification for the East District Cup.

The cup competition is run whereby each of the clubs in the East district of the Welsh Rugby Union are allocated eight games in their respective leagues, four at home and four away.

The results of each game then count towards points in a league table format with the top four teams in the league then going through to the semi-finals.

This commanding win over the Buns means Llantwit now have sufficient points to guarantee qualification to the semi-finals with both games due to be played simultaneously on the evening of Wednesday, April 19, at Llandaff North RFC.

Their opponents though are still to be decided as other clubs still have fixtures to complete.

With their recent run of games consisting of good performances but the wrong results, the Llantwit players were determined not to lose their opportunity of cup qualification and started at a ferocious pace; but as in recent fixtures, every time they made headway they were thwarted by spilled passes and a series of penalties awarded against them.

Slowly though they managed to get their act together and started using their loose forwards on

strong runs and then released centres Rhys Davies and Jack Austin to keep pushing back the Buns' defence.

The gains in territory were eventually rewarded by a well-worked driving maul allowing prop Geraint David to smuggle the ball over for a try at the clubhouse end.

The conversion from far out near to the bowling green touchline was just narrowly missed by outside half Dan Powell.

After an unsavoury incident which saw a Llantwit Major player knocked out, Llantwit found quick retribution by quickly crossing the try line once again, this time after some good forward drives.

A thunderous run by prop Damian Gardner Ponting smashed through the Buns defence to go over close to the posts and Powell added a further two points with the conversion bringing the half to an end at 12-0.

The second half started in the same manner as the first ended with another tremendous run by Ponting as he again smashed through even more defenders, leaving several of them in his wake as he went over at the school end, the conversion again slotted over by Powell.

Llantwit were now in total control of the game, causing the Buns problems all over the pitch such was the quickness and execution of their plays.

A further try was inevitable - and a peach of a try it was. With the Buns making a rare venture into the Llantwit half, an excellent defensive ruck by No 8 Jamie

Lewis and man of the match Dan Bawden led to a penalty.

Taken quickly by Josh Austin, who raced off on a jinxing run leaving the visitors defence back-pedalling, the ball was then quickly released across the three quarters and into the hands of speedster Luke Dawes, who went on an arcing run, outpacing the defence to go under the sticks, again converted by Powell.

The final try was a proper tight forwards score, as the St Albans pack were shoved over their own line, replacement Number 8 Rob Carter grounding the try, and Powell again converting, this time from far out wide, taking his own contribution to eight points and his season's tally over the hundred mark - a fine achievement.

Sadly, with only a short time left to play, the game was again stopped with tempers again flaring, and by this time the referee had had enough of the unwanted shenanigans and blew for the final whistle.

An adequate result then for Llantwit who had a good lesson in keeping their discipline and can now look forward to a semi-final in the cup at the end of the season.

This Saturday there is again a break in fixtures for the final weekend of the Six Nations championship with all games as normal being shown in the clubhouse, with members and non-members welcome to attend.

The next game will be away to Old Penarthians on Saturday, March 28, kick off at 2.30pm.

AH

Wait goes on as the Saints are beaten by Vale United in ASRS Cup semi-final

ST ATHAN'S 40 year wait to once again win the ASRS Cup goes on as they were cruelly edged out by the undefeated juggernaut Vale United.

Top scorer Josh Morgan twice scored for Saints, first to put them in front early on and then to pull one back to set up a tense finale in a full-blooded semi-final.

Both teams started brightly and Gareth Richards in Saints' goal saved a shot at his near post before Karl Steel tested the Vale keeper with a stinging effort.

Steel continued his bright start as his industry created a long-range effort for Tony Charles but the keeper held well.

Both sides looked to get at each other and again both keepers were forced into straightforward saves but no breakthrough was forthcoming.

Vale, with a 100 per cent record in the league this season, had come out on top of the last two encounters between the sides but this fuelled Saints.

The game was fierce but St Athan were forcing Vale onto the back foot with some great intensity.

Finally Saints took a deserved lead. A free kick was won a few yards into the Vale half on the right, Reece Lewis whipped the ball into the box, a slight deflection took it into the path of Morgan, whose touch and control was second to none, to volley St Athan in front on 20 minutes.

St Athan were in the ascendancy and had their opponents on the ropes, then a moment of controversy.

Lewis sent in a corner, Jordan Mortimore rose to connect with a header. The ball crossed the line before being cleared away, according to the celebrating Saints' players but the referee was unsighted and did not allow the goal, much to St Athan's frustration.

Five minutes later, Vale United picked themselves up from the canvas to land a body blow of their own that took the wind out of St Athan's sails.

Dan Hanson picked the ball up on the right and skipped past two defenders before seeing his shot take a slight deflection to beat the keeper and Vale were level.

Saints were dazed by the events and Vale looked for a flurry of offence, excellent work down the left teed up the United forward but a combination of Richards' excellent save and Nicky Cox's chest denied a certain goal.

A breathless first half saw the teams go in level, Saints controlling the first 25 minutes but Vale responded to be on the front foot at the break.

Vale came out of the gates swinging in the second half and then a cruel way to concede came Saints' way.

A ball forward was intercepted by Mortimore

who passed back to Richards, but a slight and cruel slip by the excellent keeper, saw him miss the ball and it roll into the net. Vale had the lead with their tails well and truly up and they capitalised to increase their lead.

Alex Gregory got in behind the St Athan defence on the right and ghosted inside to curl an effort in to make it three.

Vale kept coming and Saints needed a fine stop by Richards to deny them a fourth. St Athan regrouped and changed shape. It paid dividends as Saints found themselves back in the game. Richards' ball forward was flicked on by Mortimore for Morgan to race away and finish with aplomb.

Saints plugged away looking for an equaliser and Mortimore headed a Lewis corner against the post as they so nearly levelled.

With Saints pushing to level, Vale looked to counter attack. An adjudged back pass saw Vale blaze the resulting free-kick well over.

St Athan piled on the pressure in the final moments but Vale held firm and made it to their fourth final in three years since their inception and the treble looks on.

St Athan gave them all and can feel aggrieved not to have made the final themselves after a terrific clash between these two sides.

Vale United will now play Cowbridge Town, who advanced past Rhosneigr after a penalty shoot out. The final will be on April 30 at Jenner Park.

St Athan: Richards, Humphreys, Cox, Mortimore, Garrison, Laing, Lewis, Charles, Young, Morgan. Substitutes: Pugh, Ashton, Ball.

We'd like to thank our sponsors: Owens Motor Services, Llandow for their tremendous support of the club. Also many thanks to Diving & Marine Engineering, Llantwit Valet & Car Wash and Kinsale Stone Co (Wales) Ltd.

HD

Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON Tuesday, March 7 a full programme of league matches was played.

and Mike Newble (Llanharry) with a 78-out (ending on the bull).

Present league standings, after 19 weeks, are: Edmondes B (122 points), Highwayman Inn and Six

Bells Inn (107), Llanharry (96), Edmondes A and Edmondes C (91), Hairy Farmers (77), Farmers Arms (75), Victoria Inn (72) and Red Lion (17).

The Edmondes B and the Victoria Inn, the Hairy Farmers hosts Llanharry, the Edmondes C hosts the Highwayman Inn, the Red Lion hosts the Farmers Arms and the Six Bells Inn hosts the Edmondes A.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are always welcome.

For further information e-mail Paul

a cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

PJT

Llantwit Major and District Darts League

THE Llantwit Major and District Darts League season entered its 22nd week with the highlights being:

Gary Bohun 180, Steve Davis 180, Simon Greenfield 180, John Booth 114 out.

Congratulations to the Shoes St Athan 'A' on inflicting the first defeat of the season on the Kings Head 'A1' in a closely fought 6-5 win.

The ladies semi-finals night takes place at the Rugby Club on Thursday, March 16 with the first match starting at 8pm.

Monday Night 'C' League table: Lamb and

Flag 'C1' 163, Shoes St Athan 144, Lamb and

Flag 'C2' 141, Bovertown Castle 140, Wenvoe Arms 134, Rugby Club 128, Kings Head 'C2' 122, Tudor Tavern 'C2' 103, Kings Head 'C1' 71, Tudor Tavern 'C1' 53.

Tuesday Night 'A' League table: Kings Head 'A1' 199, Wenvoe Arms 177, Fox and Hounds 149, Rugby Club

'A2' 142, Shoes St Athan 138, Golden Cups 136, Shoes Peterston 119, Lamb and Flag 110, Four Bells 109, Rugby Club 'A1' 96, Tudor Tavern 88, Kings Head 'A2' 83, Blacksmith Arms 79, Rugby Club 'A3' 69.

Wednesday Night 'B' League table: Lamb and

Flag 'B1' 163, Shoes St Athan 144, Lamb and

Flag 'B2' 141, Bovertown Castle 140, Wenvoe Arms 134, Rugby Club 128, Kings Head 'B2' 122, Tudor Tavern 'B2' 103, Kings Head 'B1' 71, Tudor Tavern 'B1' 53.

Thursday Night 'D' League table: Lamb and

Flag 'D1' 163, Shoes St Athan 144, Lamb and

Flag 'D2' 141, Bovertown Castle 140, Wenvoe Arms 134, Rugby Club 128, Kings Head 'D2' 122, Tudor Tavern 'D2' 103, Kings Head 'D1' 71, Tudor Tavern 'D1' 53.

Friday Night 'E' League table: Lamb and

Flag 'E1' 163, Shoes St Athan 144, Lamb and

Flag 'E2' 141, Bovertown Castle 140, Wenvoe Arms 134, Rugby Club 128, Kings Head 'E2' 122, Tudor Tavern 'E2' 103, Kings Head 'E1' 71, Tudor Tavern 'E1' 53.

Saturday Night 'F' League table: Lamb and

Flag 'F1' 163, Shoes St Athan 144, Lamb and

Flag 'F2' 141, Bovertown Castle 140, Wenvoe Arms 134, Rugby Club 128, Kings Head 'F2' 122, Tudor Tavern 'F2' 103, Kings Head 'F1' 71, Tudor Tavern 'F1' 53.

Sunday Night 'G' League table: Lamb and

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Monday Night 'H' League table: Lamb and

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Tuesday Night 'I' League table: Lamb and

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Wednesday Night 'J' League table: Lamb and

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Thursday Night 'K' League table: Lamb and

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Friday Night 'L' League table: Lamb and

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Flag 'L2' 141, Bovertown Castle 140, Wenvoe Arms 134, Rugby Club 128, Kings Head 'L2' 122, Tudor Tavern 'L2' 103, Kings Head 'L1' 71, Tudor Tavern 'L1' 53.

Saturday Night 'M' League table: Lamb and

Flag 'M1' 163, Shoes St Athan 144, Lamb and

Flag 'M2' 141, Bovertown Castle 140, Wenvoe Arms 134, Rugby Club 128, Kings Head 'M2' 122, Tudor Tavern 'M2' 103, Kings Head 'M1' 71, Tudor Tavern 'M1' 53.

Sunday Night 'N' League table: Lamb and

Flag 'N1' 163, Shoes St Athan 144, Lamb and

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Monday Night 'O' League table: Lamb and

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Tuesday Night 'P' League table: Lamb and

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Wednesday Night 'Q' League table: Lamb and

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Thursday Night 'R' League table: Lamb and

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Friday Night 'S' League table: Lamb and

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Saturday Night 'T' League table: Lamb and

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Sunday Night 'U' League table: Lamb and

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Monday Night 'V' League table: Lamb and

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Tuesday Night 'W' League table: Lamb and

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Saturday Night 'X' League table: Lamb and

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Sunday Night 'Y' League table: Lamb and

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Monday Night 'Z' League table: Lamb and

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Tuesday Night 'AA' League table: Lamb and

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Sunday Night 'BB' League table: Lamb and

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Flag 'BB2' 141, Bovertown Castle 140, Wenvoe Arms 134, Rugby Club 128, Kings Head 'BB2' 122, Tudor Tavern 'BB2' 103, Kings Head 'BB1' 71, Tudor Tavern 'BB1' 53.

Monday Night 'CC' League table: Lamb and

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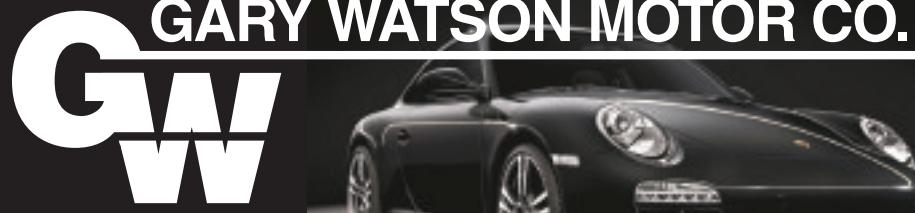
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Escape from the RWC 'pool of death' but... Young Welsh wannabes may still have to wait their turn



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THE WELSH TRY-SCORERS
ABOVE, Jamie Roberts came off the
replacements bench to seal the victory.

LEFT: George North shrugged off his dip
in form (and silenced his critics) with a
commanding two-try performance.



ABOVE:
Man-of-the-match Rhys Webb gets the ball away.
RIGHT:
Robert Howley enjoys a quiet moment of triumph.



BACK PAGE COMMENT

by Don John

LAST week, when the national media were almost unanimously writing off Welsh chances against title-hunting Ireland on Friday evening in Cardiff, this column concluded... 'Wales will run out as bookies' underdogs, but that is a mantle they don easily; and this talented squad know that if they can only remember how good they are, and replicate the wonderfully-committed display that almost undid England, victory is well within their grasp.'

As it out turned out, they did... and it was!

For the pendulum that is Welsh rugby had suddenly swung again and the same team that had collapsed so abjectly in that humiliating second half debacle at Murrayfield two weeks earlier, suddenly got their mojo back with a stunning 22-9 triumph over the heavily-tipped men in green at the Principality Stadium.

Just as the Welsh team that performed so dynamically against England had followed this up with a below-par, error-filled display in Edinburgh, so it was the turn of the pre-tournament joint favourites to demonstrate inconsistency with a similar spectacle for

their travelling fans in Cardiff. It wrecked Ireland's dream of a championship-deciding RBS Six Nations showdown with England in Dublin this Saturday. But, importantly for the home camp, it avoided Wales plunging into yet another dreaded 'pool of death' in the forthcoming draw for the 2019 Rugby World Cup in Japan, by clinging on to a top-eight world ranking.

Instead, after England's 61-21 rout of the shell-shocked Scots, it is the Irish – who alone can halt the men in white's seemingly unstoppable march to a historic back-to-back Grand Slam – that will be most concerned with redefining their global status in the final clash of the tournament at the Aviva stadium.

Certainly, that sobering Twickenham scoreline will have given the Welsh and Irish camps serious cause for reflection, having both suffered defeat at the hands of the Scots (29-13 and 27-22 respectively); with English pundits claiming there is now a yawning gap between Eddie Jones' men and the rest – something the proud Irish, who can point to a recent win over the All Blacks, have one last chance to refute before the tournament ends this weekend.

As for the Welsh camp, of course, the celebrations and palpable sense of relief, epitomised by the coaches' group hug in the stadium as the final whistle blew on a well-deserved victory, would have been tempered by the knowledge that despite the vastly-improved display after the Scotland no-show, and though absolutely critical in terms of RWC rankings, it was far from being the complete error-free performance they are striving for.

Within five minutes of the kick-off, they were three points behind after conceding a penalty to the waiting boot of outside half Johnny Sexton, and almost immediately, could have gone further behind to the first of three near-interceptions of opposite number Dan Biggar's flat passes as Wales, to their credit, sought to move the ball in a fast and furious first quarter of bone-crunching tackles on both sides, that saw Sexton leave the field injured to be temporarily replaced by Paddy Jackson.

Fired up Wales immediately took advantage of his absence and the green defence was suddenly stretched wide by a crossfield move that saw a happily back-to-form George North go over in the corner for a try which full back Leigh Halfpenny, who was to have a day of mixed fortunes, failed to convert.

The visitors were immediately stung into attack and the resulting pressure told when Wales conceded another penalty, which Jackson lofted over, before making way for the returning Sexton.

Then it was Ireland's turn to desperately defend their try line, as centre Jonathan Davies was pulled down inches short; and Sexton having to leave the field for a second time, metaphorically clutching a yellow card.

Halfpenny kicked the simple penalty from in front of the posts, to give Wales an 8-6 lead at halftime.

With Sexton still in the 'sin bin', it took Wales just three minutes to extend this to 15-6 with a second touchdown by North, converted by Halfpenny, and hostilities were then renewed with a vengeance, the tenacious Welsh defence being tested to the utmost,

relieved only by Irish failings in execution, but finally conceding a controversial penalty by Sexton, now returned to the fray, as both sides' replacements waded into the action.

An eventful last quarter saw a drop goal attempt by Biggar hit an upright and a clearance kick almost charged down – and was marked by resolute Welsh defence in the face of increasingly desperate Irish attacks as time began to run out.

Ireland were thwarted by an unforced error just when it seemed the forwards were about to drive over the line, threatening all too familiar last-gasp heartbreak for Welsh players who had given their all.

Happily, though, on this occasion it was not to be, as replacement centre Jamie Roberts snapped up a charge-down and sealed the victory by muscling over at the posts.

Halfpenny slotted over the simple conversion to make the final score 22-9 and relieve pressure on caretaker Robert Howley and his fellow coaches, who had gambled on an unchanged starting line-up, despite clarion calls from all sides to ring the changes.

The question then was, would he say a wary 'same again' against the unpredictable French in Paris on Saturday – or succumb to the critics' calls and take his final Six Nations' opportunity to test other young Welsh wannabes waiting in the wings?

Or, true to form, would he go for safety first, knowing that despite the heartening win, there is still much to put right – and continue to view making changes as too much of a gamble – when this up and down Six Nations tournament has again underlined that Wales are still well short of achieving the ultimate goal – consistency!



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